

## **PROCLAMATION**

## "PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY" APRIL 25, 2019

WHEREAS: alienating behaviours are often found in high conflict divorce and custody

situations; and

WHEREAS: these behaviours, such as speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child,

interfering with communication and visitation, and discussing inappropriate information with a child, such as details of the marriage, court proceedings, or financial matters, can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child,

but can cause mental and emotional harm to the child; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation takes advantage of the suggestibility and dependency of children;

and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both

parents; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation is considered harmful to children and robs them of their sense of

security; and

WHEREAS: professionals agree that the problem of Parental Alienation exists and is damaging to

children and can affect them in to adulthood with tragic consequence; and

WHEREAS: there are more than 2.4 million divorced North Americans including the parents of

more than 1 million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many

unmarried couples with children separating; and

WHEREAS: with awareness comes education and understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Leonard Krog, Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, do hereby proclaim that

April 25, 2019 shall be known as:

"PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY"

in the City of Nanaimo.

Leonard Krog M A Y O R

Dated this 9th day of April 2019