



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

Proclamation



PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

APRIL 25, 2017

BE IT KNOWN to whom these presents do concern;

WHEREAS, parental alienation is often found in high conflict separations, divorces and custody disputes, and takes advantage of the dependency and responsibility of a child; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation deprives a child of their right to a loving relationship with both parents where such a relationship would be in the best interests of the child, and may interfere with a child's mental and emotional development; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation can manipulate and undermine a parent's role in a child's life; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation behaviours, such as denigrating the restricted parent, interfering with communication and visitation, and confiding inappropriate adult information with a child are considered harmful to the child's mental wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, medical professionals agree the problem of parental alienation exists and can cause mental and emotional harm to a child, and can affect them as adults with negative consequences; and

WHEREAS, with awareness, we can educate parents to act in their child's best interest, and gain understanding and knowledge to prevent the abuse of the innocent victims involved in high conflict separations.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark Heyck, Mayor of the City of Yellowknife, by the power vested in me do hereby proclaim April 25, 2017 as *Parental Alienation Awareness Day* in the City of Yellowknife.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Yellowknife to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2017.



Mark Heyck
Mayor