

State of



Connecticut

By Her Excellency M. Jodi Rell, Governor: an

## Official Statement

*WHEREAS*, Parental Alienation is defined as the mental manipulation of children with the sole purpose of destroying a relationship the once shared with a parent; and

*WHEREAS*, although Parental Alienation can be a purposeful attempt it can also occur without any conscious intent due to a parent's inability to put the child's well-being before the parent's own feelings; and

*WHEREAS*, Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to be loved by and cared for by both parents; and

*WHEREAS*, there is little public awareness of Parental Alienation and it is a growing issue in cases of divorce and separation; and

*WHEREAS*, Parental Alienation Awareness Day is an opportunity to educate judges, law enforcement and the public of the issues surrounding Parental Alienation; and

*WHEREAS*, education and awareness are effective tools against Parental Alienation; now

*THEREFORE*, I, M. JODI RELL, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2007, as  
**PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY**  
in the State of Connecticut.



*M. Jodi Rell*  
Governor