



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, in 2005 over 50,000 children in Florida were affected by divorce; and

WHEREAS, courts and social services in Florida recognize the importance of awareness and intervention for the prevention of alienating behaviors for the benefit of families and children; and

WHEREAS, with awareness comes education and the understanding and power to protect innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love; and

WHEREAS, professionals agree that when parental alienation exists, it is damaging to children and can affect them into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation may be considered a form of child abuse as the alienating tactics used on the child are confusing, frightening, and rob the child of their sense of security; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation deprives children of their right to love and to be loved by both parents; and

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors, may be found in the context of divorce and custody situations and can damage or destroy the bond between a loving parent and child;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlie Crist, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 25, 2007 as *Parental Alienation Awareness Day*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 5th day of April, in the year two thousand seven.




Governor