



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,**

*Alienating behaviors, often found in the context of divorce and custody situations can damage or destroy the bond between a loving parent and child; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Parental alienation involves the systematic brainwashing and manipulation of children with the sole purpose of destroying a loving and warm relationship they once shared with a parent; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*The most common symptom of children affected by parental alienation is their severe opposition to contact with one parent and/or overt hatred or fear toward such parent when there is little or no logical reason to explain the child's behavior; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Parental alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*Parental alienation is considered a form of child abuse as the alienating tactics used on the children are confusing, frightening and rob children 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 into adulthood with tragic consequences; and*

**WHEREAS,**

*With awareness comes education and understanding, and the power to stop the abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of the people they love.*

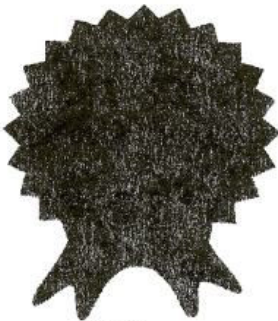
**NOW, THEREFORE,**

*I, Dave Heineman, Governor of the State of Nebraska, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the 25th day of April, 2007, as*

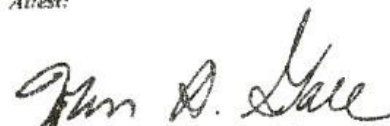
### **PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY**


*in Nebraska, and I do hereby urge all citizens to take due note of the observance.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand, and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed this Twenty-Ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seven.*



Attest:

  
Secretary of State

  
Governor