



**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year two thousand seven.



Governor