

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A Proclamation

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations; and

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation takes advantage of the suggestibility and dependency of children with the sole purpose of destroying a loving relationship they once shared with a parent; and

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; 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, There are more than 2.4 million divorced North Americans including the parents of more than one million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many unmarried couples with children separating; 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, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 25, 2008, as

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-second.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Haley Barbour".

HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR