



CITY OF VICTORIA

PROCLAMATION

“PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY”

- WHEREAS** *Alienating behaviours are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations; and*
- WHEREAS** *these behaviours, such as speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child, interfering with communication and visitation, and discussing inappropriate information with a child, such as details of the marriage, court proceedings, or financial matters, can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause mental and emotional harm to the child; and*
- WHEREAS** *Parental Alienation takes advantage of the suggestibility and dependency of children; and*
- WHEREAS** *Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and*
- WHEREAS** *Parental Alienation is considered harmful to children and robs them 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 consequence; and*
- WHEREAS** *there are more than 2.4 million divorced North Americans including the parents of more than 1 million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many unmarried couples with children separating; and*
- WHEREAS** *with awareness comes education and understanding.*

NOW, THEREFORE *I do hereby proclaim Sunday April 25th, 2021 as “PARENTAL ALIENATION DAY” on the HOMELANDS of the Lekwungen speaking SONGHEES AND ESQUIMALT PEOPLE in the CITY OF VICTORIA, CAPITAL CITY of the PROVINCE of BRITISH COLUMBIA.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-One.*

LISA HELPS
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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