

Proclamation



Jane Castor, Mayor

WHEREAS, held annually on April 25th, **Parental Alienation Awareness Day** was established in Canada in 2005 by Sarvy Emo, founder of the Parental Alienation Awareness Organization (PAAO) as part of a worldwide awareness and educational campaign currently recognized by approximately twenty-five countries; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation is defined as behaviors, whether verbal or non-verbal, by a parent or other individual, that causes a child to be mentally manipulated or bullied into believing a sincerely loving parent is to be feared, hated, disrespected, and/or avoided; and

WHEREAS, considered a form of child abuse, parental alienation often occurs in high-conflict marriages, divorces, or separations, and it deprives children the right to be loved by and show love for both their parents and extended families; and

WHEREAS, the Parental Alienation Awareness Organization is a global association whose mission includes educating the public and professionals by offering seminars, conferences, and meetings, and by collecting and disseminating information on parenting, and communities are fortunate to have nonprofit family advocacy organizations with professionals and individuals committed to education, mediation, and other initiatives that impact families through co-parenting education and child visitation solutions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa supports positive parenting that benefits and enhances the development of children and contributes to their emotional and mental health.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Castor by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the city of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 25, 2023 as

“PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY”

in the city of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to learn more about the Parental Alienation Campaign and take part in this most noteworthy effort.

Dated in Tampa, Florida this 20th day of April, 2023.



Jane Castor
Mayor