



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS: The well-being of children is a top priority in Georgia, and with rising divorce rates, our courts and social service agencies recognize the importance of strong families and the need for prevention of alienating behaviors; and

WHEREAS: Alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations. These behaviors can destroy the bond between a loving parent and child; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation may be considered a form of child abuse, as the alienating tactics used on the children can affect them into adulthood with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS: Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by both parents; and

WHEREAS: There is little public awareness of Parental Alienation and it is a growing issue in cases of divorce and separation. 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, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2008, as PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.



*Sonny Perdue*  
GOVERNOR

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*Eel F. Holcombe*  
CLERK OF STATE