STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *alienating behaviors are most often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations; and*

Whereas, *these behaviors, such as speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child, interfering, such as denying communication and visitation, and discussing inappropriate information with a child, such as details of the marriage, financial matters, court proceedings cannot 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 as the alienating tactics used on the children are bullying, confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security; and*

Whereas, *professionals agree that the problem of parental alienation 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 that are separated; 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, Mary Fallin, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2012 as*

"Parental Alienation Awareness Day"

in the State of Oklahoma.

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this 1st *day of* February *, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* twelve *, and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred and fourth *year.*

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ATTEST: Michelle R Day
Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE

Mary Fallin
GOVERNOR