

State of Maine



WHEREAS, Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS) is a psychological condition most often observed in children affected by high conflict divorce and/or separation; and

WHEREAS, the most common symptom of children affected by PAS is their severe opposition to contact with one parent and/or overt hatred toward such parent when there is little and often, no logical reason to explain the child's behavior; and

WHEREAS, the effects of PAS can last well into adulthood and may last for a lifetime with tragic consequences; and

WHEREAS, professionals agree that the problem of PAS exists and it's damaging to children, and can affect them into adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, more than 2.4 million North Americans obtained divorces, including the parents of more than one million children under the age of eighteen, with nearly as many unmarried couples with children separating,


NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN E. BALDACCI, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2006 as

**PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY**

throughout the State of Maine, and urge all citizens to recognize this observance.

In testimony whereof, I have caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed GIVEN under my hand at Augusta this twentieth day of April in the Year of our Lord Two Thousand and Six.

  
John E. Baldacci  
Governor

  
Matthew Dunlap  
Secretary of State  
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