

# STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*Office of the Governor*



## A Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, Parental Alienation takes advantage of the suggestibility and dependency of children with the sole purpose of destroying a loving relationship they once shared with a parent; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Professionals agree that the problem of Parental Alienation exists and 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 separating; 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, Haley Harbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim April 25, 2008, as

## **PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY**

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the twenty-fifth day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-second.

A blue ink signature of Haley Harbour, the Governor of Mississippi, written over a light-colored background.