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Subject: FW: Request for Proclamation - FW: Langley Proclamation: April 25th Parental Alienation Awareness Day

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To: Mayor Val van den Broek <vvandenbroek@langleycity.ca>

Subject: Langley Proclamation: April 25th Parental Alienation Awareness Day

Good evening Mayor Van Den Broek,

My name is Kimberley Seifert and I am a mother of two affected by *Parental Alienation*.

I am advocating for the families that are casualties of the foul play of *Parental Alienation* by raising awareness. Many people are not familiar with *Parental Alienation* or that it is a severe form of child abuse and family violence. The prevalence of *Parental Alienation* in our communities remains concealed and leaves the targeted parent, and more importantly the children in a precarious situation that warrants remedy. My hope is that through raising *Parental Alienation Awareness*, children and their families will be able to access the needed supports and interventions to redress this enduring form of child abuse and family violence.

I graciously request your help in raising awareness through a proclamation that the city of Langley, British Columbia acknowledges April 25th as *Parental Alienation Awareness Day*. Currently, April 25th is being recognized throughout the world as *Parental Alienation Awareness Day* and I have attached below the proclamations for the Canadian cities of Surrey, Ottawa, and Halifax for your review.

If you have any questions about my personal experiences with *Parental Alienation* and the effects it has had on myself and my children, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime.

With sincere gratitude,

Kimberley Seifert

Proud Mother of Ashton age 10 & Charlie age 4

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Proclamation

Parental Alienation Awareness Day

April 25, 2021

WHEREAS behaviors such as speaking negatively about a parent to, or in front of, a child; and destroy the bond between a loving parent and child; and

WHEREAS parental alienation deprives children of the right to love and be loved by their family, resulting in a psychological impact on children, and as such, is a form of child abuse; and

WHEREAS Boundless Love is an event that will be celebrated on April 25, 2021, and extended family members are empowered to celebrate their love for their children by posting videos and photos on various social media platforms;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Doug McCallum, do hereby declare April 25, 2021, "Parental Alienation Awareness Day" in the City of Surrey.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug McCallum".

Mayor Doug McCallum
City of Surrey



**PARENTAL ALIENATION
AWARENESS DAY**

April 25th, 2021

WHEREAS, parental alienation occurs in high conflict separations and divorces, and takes advantage of the dependency of the children; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation deprives a child of their right to a loving relationship with both parents and can interfere with a child's mental and emotional health; and

WHEREAS, some of the negative behaviors of parental alienation include speaking negatively about a parent to or before a child, interfering with parental communication and time together, discussing inappropriate information about the marriage, court proceedings or financial matters; and

WHEREAS, awareness, education and understanding play an important role in stopping the effects of parental alienation;

THEREFORE, I, Jim Watson, Mayor of the City of Ottawa, do hereby proclaim **April 25th, 2021** Parental Alienation Awareness Day in Ottawa.

**JOURNÉE DE LA SENSIBILISATION
À L'ALIÉNATION PARENTALE**

Le 25 avril 2021

ATTENDU QUE l'aliénation parentale se produit dans les cas de séparation et de divorce conflictuels et qu'elle prend avantage de la dépendance des enfants; et

ATTENDU QUE l'aliénation parentale prive un enfant de son droit à une relation amoureuse avec ses deux parents et qu'elle nuit à sa santé mentale et affective; et

ATTENDU QUE les comportements négatifs de l'aliénation parentale comprennent parler de façon négative d'un parent à l'enfant ou en sa présence, à entraver la communication entre un parent et son enfant, à divulguer des renseignements inappropriés au sujet des procédures judiciaires ou financières; et

ATTENDU QUE la sensibilisation, l'éducation et la compréhension peuvent contribuer à enrayer les effets de l'aliénation parentale;

PAR CONSÉQUENT, je, Jim Watson, Mayor de la Ville d'Ottawa, proclame le **2021 Journée de la sensibilisation parentale à Ottawa.**



