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PROCLAMATION

I, ALEX NUTTALL, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

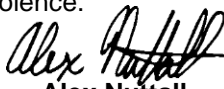
do hereby proclaim

April 25, 2023

as

Parental Alienation Awareness Day

- WHEREAS;** parental alienation is often found within families and particularly in high conflict separations, divorces and custody disputes, and exploits the innocence, vulnerability, and dependency of a child; and
- WHEREAS;** alienating behaviors such as denigrating the other parent, interfering with communication and parenting time, confiding inappropriate adult information with a child; such as the details of the marriage breakdown, court proceedings and financial matters are considered harmful to the child's mental well-being; and
- WHEREAS;** parental alienation can be mild or extreme, conscious or unconscious, and can manipulate and undermine a parent's role in a child's life; and
- WHEREAS;** parental alienation deprives a child of their right to a loving relationship with both parents, and interferes with a child's mental & emotional development; and
- WHEREAS;** medical professionals agree the problem of parental alienation exists and can cause mental and emotional harm to a child; and can affect them as adults with tragic consequences including issues of trust, anxiety and depression; and
- WHEREAS;** with awareness, we can educate parents, caregivers, social service workers, and other professionals to act in children's better interest, and gain education, understanding, and knowledge to prevent the abuse of the innocent victims involved in high conflict families or separations;
- THEREFORE,** I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **April 25, 2023** to be **Parental Alienation Awareness Day**, whereas our society has the responsibility to help children and their families grow and prosper without adverse behaviours that provoke adversity, conflict or violence.


Alex Nuttall,
Mayor