

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**PROCLAIMING APRIL 25, 2021, TO BE "PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY"  
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: April 28, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Parental Alienation is described as behavior by a parent, or an adult a child  
2 trusts, whether conscious or unconscious, that could create alienation in the relationship between  
3 a child and a parent; and

4           WHEREAS, This negative behavior involves the manipulation of a child through a set of  
5 behaviors that can result in destroying the loving and warm relationship the child shares with a  
6 parent; and

7           WHEREAS, The alienating behavior often involves one caregiver attempting to turn a  
8 child against another caregiver with a desired outcome of persuading the child that they should  
9 exclude the other caregiver or parent from their life permanently; and

10           WHEREAS, Methods of behavior typically include constant badmouthing and/or  
11 belittling of the other parent, and limiting a parent's contact with the child; and

12           WHEREAS, The manipulation can be mild and temporary but can also be extreme and  
13 ongoing, damaging a child and potentially leading to life-long consequences; and

14           WHEREAS, Children who are alienated from one parent may experience increased  
15 anger, have heightened feelings of neglect, or learn a destructive pattern that they pass on to  
16 others; and

17           WHEREAS, Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to be loved by and  
18 showing love for both of their parents and is seen mostly in cases of divorce or separation; and

19           WHEREAS, Research has estimated that twenty-two million adults in the United States

1 and almost four million children have been victimized by Parental Alienation; and

2 WHEREAS, Parental Alienation Awareness Day was created to help raise awareness  
3 about this growing problem of mental and emotional child abuse; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims April 25,  
5 2021, to be "Parental Alienation Awareness Day" and urges all Rhode Islanders to help stop the  
6 abuse of innocent caught in the crossfire of this destructive behavior from the people they love;  
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Stephen Gouin, RI Chapter President,  
10 Parental Alienation Awareness.

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