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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 25, 2024, TO BE "PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY"
IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senator Roger Picard

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

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 2024, to be "Parental Alienation Awareness Day" and urges all Rhode Islanders to help stop the
6 abuse of innocent children caught in the crossfire of this destructive behavior from the people
7 they love; 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 Guin, RI Chapter President,
10 Parental Alienation Awareness.

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