

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

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See next page for additional co-sponsors.

<b>Referred to Committee on</b>	
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<b>As Committed-Amended</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
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By Hon. _____	



## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 3 through 9, 2018, as "Parental  
2 Alienation and Hostile Aggressive Parenting Awareness Week"  
3 in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, "Parental Alienation and Hostile Aggressive  
5 Parenting Awareness Week" is a Statewide effort aimed at raising  
6 awareness about the adverse effects that parental alienation  
7 (PA) and hostile aggressive parenting (HAP) have on the  
8 psychological and emotional well-being of children; and

9 WHEREAS, Parental alienation is the process and result of  
10 psychological manipulation of a child into showing unwarranted  
11 fear, disrespect or hostility toward a targeted parent or other  
12 family member; and

13 WHEREAS, A parent may engage in PA by using negative  
14 comments, blame and false accusations against the other parent  
15 or thwarting the other parent's attempts to have parenting time  
16 in order to coerce the child into severing contact; and

17 WHEREAS, The effects of PA on children can include low self-  
18 esteem, lack of trust, depression and addiction; and

1       WHEREAS, By some estimates, PA occurs in 11% to 15% of all  
2 divorces involving children and up to 1% of children and  
3 adolescents in North America experience PA; and

4       WHEREAS, PA is an often overlooked form of child abuse and is  
5 deserving of an appropriate child protection response; and

6       WHEREAS, Parental alienation syndrome (PAS) is a  
7 psychological condition most often observed in children affected  
8 by high-conflict divorce or separation or custody modifications  
9 and is the result of exposure to hostile aggressive parenting;  
10 and

11       WHEREAS, HAP is a general pattern of behavior that creates  
12 undue difficulties or interference in the relationship between a  
13 child and the other parent; and

14       WHEREAS, HAP is not only limited to parents, but can also be  
15 perpetrated by grandparents, extended family members or any  
16 other person or agency with some control or influence over a  
17 child; and

18       WHEREAS, A child reserves the right to be a part of each  
19 parent's life as each parent plays an integral role in a child's  
20 life; and

21       WHEREAS, Children should not be used as either weapons or  
22 pawns; and

23       WHEREAS, Children should be provided with the ability to love  
24 both parents and be able to receive the love of both parents in  
25 return; and

26       WHEREAS, The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts is  
27 urged to offer nationally certified educational information  
28 about the effects of PA and HAP as part of its Judicial  
29 Education curriculum to be readily accessed by this  
30 Commonwealth's family court judges; and

1       WHEREAS, Raising awareness about PA and HAP gives judges,  
2 lawyers, police officers, doctors, policymakers and the general  
3 public the tools to address this issue and help end the abuse of  
4 innocent children caught in the crossfire of spousal conflict;  
5 and

6       WHEREAS, In December 2005, the first "Parental Alienation and  
7 Hostile Aggressive Parenting Awareness Day" was launched by  
8 Sarvy Emo, a friend of a parent who was suffering the effects of  
9 PA and HAP; and

10       WHEREAS, In August 2006, Sarvy Emo, Robin Denison and Neil  
11 Vercoe established the Parental Alienation Awareness  
12 Organization for the purpose of bringing education and awareness  
13 to the issues of PA and HAP; and

14       WHEREAS, April 25, 2018, marked the 13th annual observance of  
15 "Parental Alienation and Hostile Aggressive Parenting Awareness  
16 Day," which was recognized nationally and within this  
17 Commonwealth; therefore be it

18       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
19 week of June 3 through 9, 2018, as "Parental Alienation and  
20 Hostile Aggressive Parenting Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania;  
21 and be it further

22       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all  
23 Pennsylvanians to learn more about the concept and the adverse  
24 effects of parental alienation and hostile aggressive parenting.

