
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MAY 31, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of June 4 through 10, 2017, 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 greater awareness about the adverse effects that parental
7 alienation and hostile aggressive parenting has on both the
8 psychological and emotional welfare of children; and

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

13 WHEREAS, PA involves the programming of a child to align with
14 the favored parent as a means to meet emotional and
15 psychological needs; and

16 WHEREAS, The narcissistic or self-centered parent
17 manipulatively uses conditional displays of affection with

1 conditional displays of hostile rejection to coerce the child
2 into severing contact with the other parent; and

3 WHEREAS, The pathology of PA is a form of emotional and
4 psychological domestic violence whereby a narcissistic or self-
5 centered spouse or ex-spouse uses the child or children as a
6 weapon to inflict emotional trauma on the other spouse for any
7 perceived grievances; and

8 WHEREAS, PA represents a form of psychological child abuse
9 and is deserving of an appropriate child protection response;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Parental alienation syndrome (PAS) is an abnormal
12 psychological condition most often observed in children affected
13 by high-conflict divorce or separation or during custody
14 modifications and is the result of exposure to hostile
15 aggressive parenting (HAP); and

16 WHEREAS, HAP is a general pattern of behavior, manipulation,
17 actions or decision-making of a person that either directly or
18 indirectly creates undue difficulties or interference in the
19 relationship between a child and the other parent; and

20 WHEREAS, HAP is not only limited to parents, but can also
21 apply to grandparents, extended family members or any other
22 person or agency having some control or influence over the
23 child; and

24 WHEREAS, A child reserves the basic and inherent right to be
25 a part of each parent's lives as each parent plays a vitally
26 important and integral role in the child's life; and

27 WHEREAS, Children should not be used as either weapons or
28 pawns; and

29 WHEREAS, Children should be provided with the mental and
30 emotional ability to love both parents and to be able to receive

1 the love of both parents in return; and

2 WHEREAS, The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts
3 (AOPC) is urged to offer nationally certified educational
4 information about the effects of PA and HAP as part of its
5 Judicial Education curriculum to be readily accessed by our
6 Commonwealth's family court judges; and

7 WHEREAS, Additional awareness about the issues of PA and HAP
8 will have a tremendous impact of both ending the abuse of
9 innocent children caught in the crossfire of spousal conflict
10 and edifying the minds of our Commonwealth's working-class
11 professionals, including judges, lawyers, psychiatrists,
12 teachers, and police officers, and the general populace; and

13 WHEREAS, In December 2005, the first "Parental Alienation and
14 Hostile Aggressive Parenting Awareness Day" was launched by
15 Sarvy Emo, a friend of a parent who was undergoing the effects
16 of PA and HAP; and

17 WHEREAS, In August 2006, Sarvy Emo, Robin Denison and Neil
18 Vercoe established the Parental Alienation Awareness
19 Organization (PASO) for the purpose of bringing education and
20 awareness to the issues of PA and HAP; and

21 WHEREAS, April 25, 2017, marked the 10th annual observance of
22 "Parental Alienation and Hostile Aggressive Parenting Awareness
23 Day," which was recognized both nationally and within this
24 Commonwealth; therefore be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
26 week of June 4 through 10, 2017, as "Parental Alienation and
27 Hostile Aggressive Parenting Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania;
28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
30 Pennsylvanians to learn more about the concept and the adverse

1 effects of parental alienation and hostile aggressive parenting.