



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2022-28

International Parental Alienation Awareness Day

WHEREAS, the Victim to Hero Institute and its community will observe the 17th annual International Parental Alienation Awareness Day and host their virtual and in-person #ChildrenFirst events on and around April 25th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, behaviors such as speaking negatively about a parent to, or in front of, a child can destroy the bond between a loving parent/surviving grandparent and child; and

WHEREAS, parental alienation deprives children of the right to love and be loved by their whole family, resulting in a psychological impact on children, and as such, it is considered a form of child abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Victim to Hero Institute is an organization that provides education and resources to a worldwide community of parents and children who are affected by parental alienation, promotes public awareness, and champions social and system changes; and

WHEREAS, #ChildrenFirst is a series of events where parents and extended family members are empowered to celebrate their love for their children and post videos and photos on various social media platforms.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 25th to be **International Parental Alienation Awareness Day** in Charles County and encourage residents to celebrate the love and support for all children.

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