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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Parental alienation is recognized as a behavior by a parent or another trusted adult, such as a grandparent, aunt, uncle, or similar figure, that may unintentionally or intentionally disrupt the relationship between a child and a parent; and

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WHEREAS, Such behaviors, including disparaging comments about the other parent, restricting contact, discouraging communication, or fostering unfounded fears, can create barriers to a child's emotional and psychological well-being by undermining their relationship with a caregiver; and

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WHEREAS, Research by the Parental Alienation Study Group indicates that approximately 3.9 million children in the United States are affected by moderate to severe forms of parental alienation, and studies further show that over 22 million parents in the United States may experience challenges related to parental alienation; and

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WHEREAS, Parental alienation is a matter of concern for the mental and emotional health of children and families, highlighting the importance of raising awareness and fostering understanding to address and mitigate such behaviors; therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 25,
3 2025 as Parental Alienation Awareness Day in the State of
4 Illinois to encourage increased understanding, prevention, and
5 intervention efforts to support healthy family relationships;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That we remain committed to equipping
8 communities, educators, and caregivers with tools to identify
9 and respond to behaviors that may negatively impact family
10 relationships, while promoting the mental health and
11 well-being of children; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be made
13 available to organizations and individuals dedicated to
14 supporting families and advocating for children's emotional
15 well-being.