PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are often found in high conflict divorce and custody situations; and

- WHEREAS, these behaviors, such as speaking negatively about a parent to or in front of a child, interfering with communication and visitation, discussing inappropriate information with a child, such as details of the marriage, court proceedings, or financial matters, can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause mental and emotional harm to the child; and
- WHEREAS, Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love; and to be loved by both parents; and
- **WHEREAS**, Parental Alienation is considered harmful to children as the alienating tactics used on the children are confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 25th day of April, 2022 as:

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 25th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



John Engen Mayor