



**TOWN OF WESTOVER
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

MARK MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, strong family relationships constitute the foundation of our community, and;

WHEREAS, alienating behaviors are frequently present in high-conflict divorces, separations, and asymmetrical custody arrangements, and;

WHEREAS, behaviors such as speaking negatively about a parent to, or in front of, a child and interfering with parenting time and communication can not only destroy the bond between a loving parent and child, but can cause a child mental and emotional harm, as such alienating tactics are confusing, frightening, and rob children of their sense of security, and;

WHEREAS, parental alienation takes advantage of the innocent and impressionable, depriving children of their right to freely love and be loved by both parents and extended family, and;

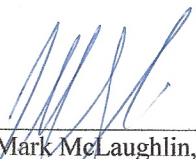
WHEREAS, in 2012, approximately 40,000 children in the State of Alabama are subjected to child custody determination, and;

WHEREAS, parental Alienation Prevention Week is intended to increase the knowledge and understanding of this to help Alabamians, institutions, the legal and mental health community and community leaders to better identify and discourage such behavior, and;

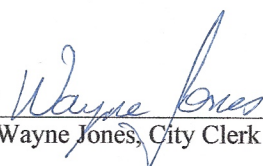
WHEREAS, God so loved us, we also ought to love and nurture the children into a healthy adulthood and the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Westover are primary;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark McLaughlin, Mayor of the City of Westover, Shelby County, Alabama, do hereby proclaim and establish April 20 through April 26, 2014, as PARENTAL ALIENATION PREVENTION WEEK and April 25, 2014, as PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF April, 2014



Mark McLaughlin, Mayor

ATTEST 

Wayne Jones, City Clerk



www.westoveralabama.org

Town of Westover ♦ P.O. Box 356 ♦ Westover, Alabama 35185

(205) 678-3375 ♦ Fax: (205) 678-3376