

Superior Court of Washington, County of King

In re:

Petitioner/s (person/s who started this case):

Mathew Palidak

And Respondent/s (other party/parties):

Colin Derieg

No. 25-2-11317-5

Declaration of  
(name):

(DCLR)

David Kyle

**Declaration of (name): David Kyle**

1. I am (age): 44 years old and I am the (check one): ☐ Petitioner ☐ Respondent  
☒ Other (relationship to the people in this case): Friend

2. I declare:

*I am writing to offer my support for Veronika Goodnight, whom I have known for the past six years. During this time, I have spent considerable time with Veronika and her children, and I feel confident speaking to her character and parenting. I was dismayed to hear of the accusations made alleging alcohol and drug abuse, as well as neglect or abuse of her children. These claims are completely contrary to everything I have observed in my time spent with Veronika and her family.*

*In my experience, Veronika has always demonstrated care, responsibility, and attentiveness toward her children. I have never witnessed her consuming alcohol or appearing intoxicated while her children were in her custody. Similarly, I have never observed her using or being under the influence of any illicit substances. Her home has*

consistently been clean, safe, and welcoming, and her children have always appeared happy, healthy, and well cared for.

Veronika is actively involved in her children's lives—both at school and in their extracurricular activities—and she shows great pride in their achievements. She is a loving and supportive mother who clearly prioritizes the wellbeing of her family.

I have also had the opportunity to spend time with her fiancé, Colin. Our interactions have always been respectful and positive. I have observed him to be kind and supportive in his interactions with Veronika's children.

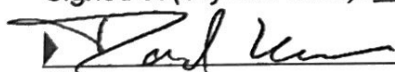
Based on my firsthand experience, I believe the accusations against Veronika do not reflect the person or parent I have come to know over the years. I hope my perspective helps provide clarity and context in support of her character.

(Number any pages you attach to this Declaration. Page limits may apply.)

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the facts I have provided on this form (and any attachments) are true. ☐ I have attached (number): \_\_\_\_ pages.

Signed at (city and state): Issaquah

Date: 4/17/25

  
Sign here

DAVID KYLE  
Print name

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