

WHEREAS, at a time in our nation's history when the prayer is needed more than ever, it is fitting that we publicly demonstrate our faith in the power of divine intercession; and,

WHEREAS, the first National Day of Prayer was in 1775 when the Continental Congress "designated a time for prayer in forming a new nation;" and,

WHEREAS, the observance became official in 1988 when President Ronald Reagan signed legislation declaring the first Thursday in May to recognize "The National Day of Prayer;" and,

WHEREAS, communities across the nation have created multi-faith events to bring local leaders together, offering support for each other, celebrating their collective achievements and praying for their cities as they move forward building and securing a future for their citizens; and,

WHEREAS, because the freedom of worship is a protected and inherited right, the City of Mansfield, led by our city's pastors, community volunteers and corporate citizens, are recognizing the need for our city's residents to seek guidance and encouragement through prayer; and,

WHEREAS, we are urging our churches to open their doors for one hour during the noon hour on May 5, 2016, in order to provide a sanctuary of prayer,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with the members of the City Council, to hereby proclaim May 5, 2016, as

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in Mansfield and express gratitude to those involved for their efforts to make our city stronger through the power the prayer and the development of community partnerships. Mansfield is a better city because of you.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield, Texas, to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2016.