

WHEREAS, our nation's libraries are the heart of a community, making a difference in the lives of people in cities across the country, and

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online and in supporting the quality of life in their communities, and

WHEREAS, Mansfield is fortunate to have dedicated librarians and library professionals encouraging usage and reminding us of the vital role libraries play in the success and future development of our community, and

WHEREAS, the city, along with numerous volunteers, has fostered support and awareness of libraries by making this important community service available to its citizens for more than 80 years, and

WHEREAS, librarians have worked through the years to raise the visibility of the library in a positive context and communicate clearly their value by supporting funding for facilities and books,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 8-14, 2012, as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Mansfield and call upon the citizens to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available in our city and offer support to librarians, library workers and volunteers who dedicate themselves to this worthwhile endeavor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 9th day of April 2012.