

**WHEREAS**, more people, citizens and non-citizens alike, come in personal contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined, and

**WHEREAS**, public impression of the entire Texas judicial system is largely dependent upon the public's experience in municipal court, and

**WHEREAS**, municipal judges and court support personnel have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all, and conform to the standards set by the Canons of Judicial Conduct, and

**WHEREAS**, municipal courts serve as the local justice center for the enforcement of local ordinances and fine-only state offenses that protect the peace and dignity of our city, and

**WHEREAS**, municipal judges and clerks continually strive to improve the administration of justice through participation in judicial education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state and local professional organizations, and

**WHEREAS**, it is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Mansfield Municipal Court, its judges, clerks and support personnel for their critical role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life in Texas communities, and deterring future criminal behavior,

**NOW THEREFORE**, I David Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to proclaim November 7-11, 2016, as

### **MUNICIPAL COURT WEEK**

in Mansfield and encourage residents of our community to show their appreciation and gratitude to our municipal court staff for their invaluable contribution to our city and the outstanding services they provide to us each day.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the city of Mansfield to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.