

**WHEREAS**, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Mansfield Police Department and the Mansfield City Marshals Office;

**WHEREAS**, nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries;

**WHEREAS**, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member of the Mansfield Police Department;

**WHEREAS**, 286 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. this spring, including 100 officers killed in 2013 and 186 officers killed in previous years;

**WHEREAS**, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2014 as part of National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS**, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags will be flown at half staff in remembrance,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to proclaim May 11-17, 2014, as

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in Mansfield and encourage residents of our community to show their appreciation and gratitude to the Mansfield Police Department and the Mansfield City Marshals Office for their dedication to our city and the safety of our citizens.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.