

To recognize National Corrections Officer and Staff Week 2013 and to honor the service and sacrifice who serve in the jails and prisons across the country while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

WHEREAS, President Reagan signed Proclamation 5187 creating National Corrections Officer Week and through Resolution 264, officially made the first full week of May Correctional Officer and Staff Week.

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers help keep our citizens and our communities safe, not simply by securing jails and prisons and the offenders confined there. Correctional officers and employees serve admirably in facilities all across the country as counselors, teachers, chaplains, medical professionals, support staff, officers, supervisors, bond, and kitchen personnel.

WHEREAS, they are among the most capable, committed, patient and persistent public servants in our nation entrusted with the care, custody, and control of our nation's offender.

WHEREAS, the names of these dedicated fallen public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. Few truly understand the difficulties and challenges these corrections professionals face daily, often at great personal risk.

WHEREAS, the men and women entrusted to our custody, care, and control have many wants, either because they failed to find what they needed, or refused to accept what was offered in their homes, schools, or communities.

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Corrections Officers Memorial.

WHEREAS, Correctional Officers and employees are in a position to offer offenders a better example to follow; staff does so often with little awareness or acknowledgement from those outside of the field of corrections. Yet, Correctional officers and staff continue to rise to the challenge time and time again.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to proclaim May 6-12, 2013 as

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in Mansfield and encourage residents of our community to show their appreciation and gratitude to the Mansfield Jail Division 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 6th day of May 2012.

Mayor