

**WHEREAS**, the Public Library is focal point of a community's literacy efforts, providing continuing education and special programming to encourage a life-long love of books, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library is joining with the library to celebrate books with the 12<sup>th</sup> annual "Mansfield Reads!" our own version of the "One City, One Book" program that has been embraced nationwide, and,

**WHEREAS**, citizens are being asked to come together and read the same book during April in hopes of initiating discussions and reconnecting with reading and the books offered at the Mansfield Public Library, and,

**WHEREAS**, this year the book selection is "The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion" by beloved author and actress Fannie Flagg, who gained fame and fans with the best seller "Fried Green Tomatoes;" and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield residents are encouraged to read the book and attend the many special events planned for the month, including a book discussion and a lecture by Fannie Flag at special author event April 24 at the Mansfield ISD Center for the Performing Arts, and

**WHEREAS**, the "One City, One Book" event offers the community an opportunity to continue an annual tradition that not only promotes literacy but inspires communication, creativity and cultural exchange among our citizens,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 2015

### **MANSFIELD READS! MONTH**

in the City of Mansfield and urge all citizens to participate in this event as a celebration of reading and the positive impact literacy has on people's lives and on our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2015.