

**WHEREAS**, the National Recreation and Park Association is recognizing the importance of park and recreation systems in communities with the theme “Get Wild About Parks and Recreation” during the month of July, and

**WHEREAS**, public parks and recreation systems are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for millions of residents in communities around the world through recreation programming, leisure activities and conservation efforts, and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield’s parks and recreation facilities and programs also pay dividends to the community by attracting businesses and residents to the city and improving home values, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mansfield recognizes the vital contributions of Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation board members, city employees and volunteers as they keep these community treasures clean and safe for visitors and provide recreational activities and educational programming each year, and

**WHEREAS**, thanks to the efforts of these individuals our city is expanding and enhancing the beautiful open spaces, trails and nature areas that have long been a vital part of Mansfield and its heritage, and

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

**NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH**

in Mansfield and join with the National Recreation and Park Association in celebrating the role our public parks and recreational programs have in our lives.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012.