

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of Americans and in 2014 more than 4,800 North Texas residents over the age of 50 suffered a heart attack; and,

WHEREAS, every 43 seconds someone in the United States has a heart attack and only 40 percent of people experiencing heart attack warnings signs calling 911 for help; and,

WHEREAS, treatment can be delayed up to an hour for those who drive themselves to the hospital while research shows calling 911 is vital to surviving a heart attack; and,

WHEREAS, medical treatment initiated by the 911 dispatcher and delivered by EMS can help identify and treat a suspected heart attack at the patient's location before transporting them to the hospital; and,

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association launched the "Don't Die of Doubt" campaign during February's Heart Month observance to educate the public on the value of calling 911 at the first sign of a heart attack;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, join with members of the City Council, to proclaim February 22, 2016, as

DON'T DIE OF DOUBT DAY

in Mansfield and encourage residents to join the American Heart Association in promoting the importance of calling 911 to improve the chances of surviving a heart attack.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 22nd day of February, 2016.