

WHEREAS, during July the National Recreation and Park Association is recognizing the importance of park and recreation systems in communities; and,

WHEREAS, this year NRPA wants citizens to discover the power of play and adventure at local parks with the theme “Get Your Play On;” and,

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

WHEREAS, these facilities and programs also pay dividends to the community by attracting businesses and residents to the city and improving home values; and,

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation board members, parks and recreation employees and volunteers play a vital role in our city 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, Mansfield is a Gold Medal winner for the Best Park System in Texas and is continually expanding and improving so our open spaces, trails and nature areas remain a vital part of this city and its heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim July 2017, as

NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 26th day of June, 2017.