

WHEREAS, Texas is a leading state for child pool drownings, and drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1 to 4 across the nation; and

WHEREAS, it only takes seconds for a drowning to occur, making it imperative adults not be distracted when they are watching children who are near or in the water; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids North Texas, led by Cook Children's Healthcare System, has initiated the "Lifeguard Your Child" campaign to increase awareness and understanding by parents, caregivers, policymakers and the public at large regarding the dangers all children face around water environments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield is advocating on behalf of Safe Kids North Texas as they work with local agencies and first responders to provide ongoing public education and implement strategies such as Water Watcher tag uses, pre-school education, pool ordinance updates, life jacket use and access to water safety education; and

WHEREAS, everyone involved in this campaign is hopefully it will aid in the prevention of further child deaths from drowning in Mansfield and the North Texas region;

NOW THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council, to hereby proclaim May 2019

LIFEGUARD YOUR CHILD MONTH

in Mansfield and urge all citizens to support the efforts of Safe Kids North Texas as they work to prevent further needless child deaths from drowning.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 13th day of May, 2019.