

WHEREAS, the American Library Association is recognizing our nation's libraries this year with the theme, "Libraries Transform," celebrating how libraries can transform lives and communities through the power of literacy and learning, and

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role even in today's digital age in helping people of all ages find the information they need – whether in print or online – which greatly impacts the quality of life in their communities, and

WHEREAS, Mansfield is fortunate to have dedicated librarians and library professionals encouraging usage and reminding us of the powerful and positive impact libraries have on the lives of our residents on a daily basis, and

WHEREAS, librarians have worked through the years to raise the visibility of the library in a positive context and provide engaging and educational programming for children, teens, families and seniors, and

WHEREAS, the city, along with numerous volunteers, has fostered support and awareness of libraries by making this important community service available to its citizens for more than 80 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2017

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in Mansfield and call upon the citizens to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available in our city and offer support to librarians, library workers and volunteers who dedicate themselves to this worthwhile endeavor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 10th day of April, 2017.