

# *A Proclamation*

By the Mayor of the City of Mansfield

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) is an illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person, has spread across the world and created a global pandemic that has had catastrophic impacts on our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, local and state governments, health departments and public servants have taken bold actions to protect the people they serve, support struggling local economies and find innovative ways to provide services; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the rapid spread of COVID-19, essential workers have risked their own health and safety to provide critical services, protect our communities and save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 has had a disproportionate effect on low-income communities and communities of color, exacerbating inequalities already prevalent in our systems that we must address as a nation; and

**WHEREAS**, public health guidance and policies that target prevention – such as vaccines, social distancing, wearing masks in public and staying home – help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, prevent illness and lessen the burdens on individuals and society; and

**WHEREAS**, the symptoms and severity of COVID-19 can vary dramatically, and its long-term health implications for survivors are largely unknown, as many survivors suffer with lingering side-effects from the illness long after they no longer test positive for it; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of State Health Services says that, as of Feb. 28, 2022, COVID-19 has taken the lives of 83,693 Texans, including 5,062 Tarrant County residents, 567 Ellis County residents and 702 Johnson County residents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Michael Evans, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, join with the members of the Mansfield City Council to proclaim March 7, 2022 as

## **COVID-19 MEMORIAL DAY**

in the City of Mansfield. Every death at the hands of COVID-19 leaves a hole in the hearts of loved ones, family members and community members. We honor those who have lost their lives to COVID-19, those who continue to suffer from its impacts, and the health-care workers who continue to work tirelessly to protect us from this illness.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 7th day of March, 2022.

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Mayor