

**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Mansfield-Kennedale Police-Fire Communications Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, exhibiting compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, they also serve as a vital link for police officers and firefighters on the scene, monitoring on-scene activities by radio, these telecommunicators provide key information to help insure the safety of public safety personnel; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety telecommunicators of the City of Mansfield have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 10-16, 2016,

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in Mansfield and ask residents to show appreciation to the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep citizens safe.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.