**WHEREAS**, the community called Mansfield, founded by Ralph S. Man and Julian Feild around 1860 when they built their grist mill and opened the first post office, officially became the City of Mansfield when it was incorporated on Aug. 23, 1890, and

**WHEREAS**, 2015 will mark the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mansfield, a city that has grown to approximately 60,000 residents and is home to superior city services, an excellent school district and a successful local economy, and

**WHEREAS**, the strong sense of community and dedication to quality of life that was the vision of its founders continues to this day and is a key reason Mansfield is recognized nationally and considered one of the best places to live in America, and

**WHEREAS**, the City will recognize this important milestone throughout the year as the community comes to together with festivals, programs and special events that highlight the 125 years of Mansfield history,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim 2015, as the year of

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and encourage everyone to enjoy the many festivities and programs planned for this special event and to celebrate our city's rich history and the dedication of those who helped to build Mansfield into the successful community it is today.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.