

WHEREAS, an estimated 1.5 million Americans suffer from Lupus, the chronic inflammatory, autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, especially skin, joints, blood and kidneys; and

WHEREAS, Lupus can be difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to those of many other illnesses, and major gaps exist in understanding the causes and consequences; and

WHEREAS, the Lupus Foundation of America-Lone Star Chapter is part of a national force devoted to solving the cruel mystery of Lupus while providing caring support to those who suffer from its brutal impact; and

WHEREAS, the chapter rallied the Mansfield community to wear the color purple and to further unify the support for those living with the disease; and

WHEREAS, awareness is vital in raising funds for research for those affected by Lupus and it is our responsibility as a community to advocate on their behalf and to further encourage educational programs so everyone affected by Lupus can have an improved quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim May 20, 2016, as

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in Mansfield and encourage residents of our community to show their support to the Lupus Foundation of America and the cause of raising awareness of this disease so we can have a world with no Lupus.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 9th day of May 2016.