

WHEREAS, during July the National Recreation and Park Association is recognizing the importance of park and recreation systems in communities with the theme “Out Is In,” encouraging people go outside, change their outlook and get involved in their community through parks and recreation, and

WHEREAS, public parks and recreation systems are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for millions of residents through recreation programming, leisure activities and conservation efforts, and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation facilities and programs also pay dividends to the community by attracting businesses and residents to the city and improving home values, and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation board members, parks and recreation employees and volunteers play a vital role as they keep these community treasures clean and safe for visitors and provide recreational activities and educational programming each year, and

WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of these individuals, our city is expanding and enhancing the beautiful open spaces, trails and nature areas that have long been a vital part of Mansfield and its heritage, and

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

NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

in Mansfield and join with the National Recreation and Park Association in celebrating the role our public parks and recreational programs have in our lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 23rd day of June, 2014.