

WHEREAS, in the United States, nearly 26 million people – including more than 600,000 in North Texas -- have diabetes, a serious disease with potentially life-threatening complications such as heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputation; and

WHEREAS, an additional 79 million people in the United States are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, recent estimates project that as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes in 2050 if current trends continue; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness is necessary to put a stop to the diabetes epidemic;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, join with members of the City Council, to proclaim November 2013 as

AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH

in Mansfield and encourage residents to join the American Diabetes Association's Stop Diabetes movement to confront, fight and most importantly, change the future of this deadly disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 11th day of November, 2013.