

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is a nationally and locally celebrated observance that encourages tree planting, care and preservation, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first celebrated in Nebraska in 1872 and was passed into law by the Texas Legislature in 1890, and is now celebrated annually throughout the nation, and

WHEREAS, trees create a mosaic green space throughout our communities, improving property values and air quality, providing food and shelter for wildlife and shade to cool our homes, and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated to encourage the planting of trees throughout the City of Mansfield for the environmental, economic and aesthetic benefits they provide to the community, and

WHEREAS, this year the City of Mansfield is being recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the 10th consecutive year as a Tree City USA, and will continue its efforts through its landscape and tree ordinances and its official Arbor Day celebration to recognize the importance of the urban forest to our community and the need to preserve it,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with the members of the City Council, and hereby proclaim Friday, November 4, 2016, as

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in Mansfield and ask all residents and businesses to encourage and support the preservation of trees in our city and work diligently to maintain the beautiful landscape they provide for us all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield, Texas, to be affixed this 24th day of October, 2016.