

WHEREAS, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Mansfield Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, there were more than 15,000 assaults reported against law enforcement officers in 2014, resulting in approximately 14,000 injuries; and,

WHEREAS, since the first recorded death in 1791, more than 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty, including one member of the Mansfield Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, 252 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. this spring, including 123 officers killed in 2015 and 129 officers killed in previous years; and,

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 28th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2016 as part of National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags will be flown at half-staff in remembrance,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to proclaim May 15-21, 2016, as

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in Mansfield and encourage residents of our community to show their appreciation and gratitude to the Mansfield Police Department for their dedication to our city and the safety of our citizens.

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.