

WHEREAS, the nearly 3.1 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession, and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, and

WHEREAS, the demand for registered nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of the American population, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technology and the explosive growth of home health care services, and

WHEREAS, Mansfield is fortunate to have as its local healthcare providers many highly skilled and dedicated nurses, including those at Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, and

WHEREAS, the hospital's nurses have been recognized as among the best in their field, including eight nurses named to the Great 100 Nurses list by the Texas Nursing Association,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim May 6-12, as

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

and ask the citizens of Mansfield to join in recognizing the dedicated nurses who care for all of us and make a difference in our lives when we need them the most.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 24th day of April, 2012.