

WHEREAS, the Public Library is focal point of a community's literacy efforts, providing continuing education and special programming to encourage a life-long love of books; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library is joining with the library to celebrate books with the 13th annual "Mansfield Reads!" our own version of the "One City, One Book" program that has been embraced nationwide; and,

WHEREAS, citizens are being asked to come together and read the same book during April in hopes of initiating discussions and reconnecting with reading and the books offered at the Mansfield Public Library; and,

WHEREAS, this year the book selection is "The Same Sky" by best-selling author Amanda Eyre Ward, a critically acclaimed writer from Austin whose works are often considered among the most anticipated books of the year; and,

WHEREAS, Mansfield residents are encouraged to read the book and attend the many special events planned for the month, including a book discussion and lecture at a special author event April 29 at the Mansfield Public Library; and,

WHEREAS, the "One City, One Book" event offers the community an opportunity to continue an annual tradition that not only promotes literacy but inspires communication, creativity and cultural exchange among our citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 2015

MANSFIELD READS! MONTH

in the City of Mansfield and urge all citizens to participate in this event as a celebration of reading and the positive impact literacy has on people's lives and on our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2016.