

**WHEREAS**, there are thousands of public, academic, school, governmental and specialized libraries in the United State, providing invaluable service to more than four million library users each year, and

**WHEREAS**, librarians and library support staff bring the nation a world of knowledge in person and online, as well as provide library users with the tools and knowledge they need to grow and be successful in today's complex world, and

**WHEREAS**, librarians and other library workers must be brought to the table at public policy discussions on key issues, such as intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the digital divide, and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize the unique contributions of all library workers and the value to individuals and society of those contributions, and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, library workers, and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Workers Day sponsored by the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA),

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 11, 2017, as

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKERS DAY**

and encourage the citizens of Mansfield to visit our public library and thank our librarians and library workers for the valuable contribution they make to 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.