

WHEREAS, the arts and humanities embody much of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and imagination of humankind, enriching the lives of every American and playing a unique role in the lives of our families and our communities; and

WHEREAS, the arts and culture industry also strengthens our creative economy by generating \$166.3 billion in total economic activity annually, \$26 billion in government revenue, and by supporting the full-time equivalent of 5 million jobs; and

WHEREAS, the arts drives tourism, commerce and supports American works; and proposed federal legislation titled The CREATE Act would support continued development of the creative economy; and

WHEREAS, the nation's 95,000 nonprofit arts organizations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the nation's 4,500 local arts agencies, and the arts and humanities councils of the 50 states and the six U.S. jurisdictions have regularly issued official proclamations on an annual basis designating October as National Arts and Humanities Month; and

WHEREAS, through the Mansfield Commission for the Arts the City of Mansfield supports and celebrates the arts and humanities by awarding grants to local artists and promoting celebrations and exhibitions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim October 2019, as

NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES MONTH

in the City of Mansfield and encourage our residents to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in our nation and encourage the greater participation in the arts and humanities in our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield, Texas, to be affixed this 14th day of October, 2019.