

**WHEREAS**, parks and recreation programs are integral to communities throughout the United States of America, including in the City of Mansfield; and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield Parks and Recreation operates and maintains more than 1,100 acres of parkland, dozens of athletic fields, and the Mansfield Activities Center, as well as four public-private partnership facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield Parks and Recreation was awarded the Texas Recreation and Park Society's Gold Medal Award - the highest honor given by the state to city park systems - in 2024, 2017, 2009, 1998 and 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield Parks and Recreation earned accreditation from the National Recreation and Park Association for excellence in overall management and service quality, a status earned by less than two percent of all agencies nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield Parks and Recreation provides welcoming spaces and remarkable experiences for our residents to gather with friends and family, grow stronger, healthier minds and bodies, preserve precious natural resources and of course, play together; and

**WHEREAS**, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature; and

**WHEREAS**, the House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael Evans, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim July 2024 as

### **PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH**

in Mansfield, and encourage residents and visitors of the city to take advantage of its excellent parks and programs. The City of Mansfield is proud to have a remarkable parks and recreation system where you belong, fostering inclusive programs and essential services, and is proud to honor them this month.

**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 June, 2024.