

WHEREAS, thousands of times each year, the underground infrastructure in Texas is damaged by those who do not have underground lines located prior to digging, resulting in service interruption, environmental damage and threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Federal Communications Commission designated 811 to provide excavators and homeowners a simple number to contact utility operators to request the location of underground lines at the intended dig site; and

WHEREAS, the North Texas damage prevention council, a stakeholder-driven organization dedicated to the prevention of damage to underground utilities in 16 North Texas counties, promotes the national 811 notification system in an effort to reduce these damages; and

WHEREAS, damage prevention is a shared responsibility; by using safe digging practices, the excavators and homeowners of Mansfield can save time and money and help keep our infrastructure safe and connected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 2014

SAFE DIGGING MONTH

in Mansfield and encourage excavators throughout North Texas to always call 811 before digging.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 14th day of April, 2014.