

WHEREAS, there are thousands of public, academic, school, governmental and specialized libraries in the United States and they provide excellent and invaluable service to library users regardless of age, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background, and

WHEREAS, librarians and library support staff bring the nation a world of knowledge in person and online, as well as personal service and expert assistance in finding what is needed when it is needed, 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 12, 2016, 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 11th day of April, 2016.