**WHEREAS,** the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library is joining with the library to celebrate books with the 19<sup>th</sup> annual "Mansfield Reads!" our own version of the "One City, One Book" program that has been embraced nationwide; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens are being asked to come together and read the same book in hopes of initiating discussions and reconnecting with reading and the books offered at the Mansfield Public Library; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's selection is the gripping and lyrical novel "The Guide" by award-winning author Peter Heller, a long-time contributor to NPR, and former contributing editor at Outside Magazine, Men's Journal, and National Geographic Adventure; and

**WHEREAS,** Mansfield residents are encouraged to register for Mansfield Reads! On September 9, and attend the many special events planned during October, including a lecture with the author October 7, at the Legacy High School Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, the nationally award-winning Mansfield Reads! program offers the community an opportunity to continue an annual tradition that not only promotes literacy but inspires communication, creativity and cultural exchange among our citizens,

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Michael Evans, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim September 2022

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in the City of Mansfield and urge all citizens to participate in this event as a celebration of reading and the positive impact literacy has on people's lives and on 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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2022.