

WHEREAS, Pitt Hopkins is a severe, rare neurological disorder caused by a mutation on the 18th chromosome that results in developmental delays, seizures and breathing issues in young children, and

WHEREAS, the Pitt Hopkins Research Foundation is an all-volunteer organization of families and medical professionals dedicated to finding a cure for this little known disease, and

WHEREAS, the foundation is recognizing its second International Pitt Hopkins Syndrome Awareness Day on Sept. 18 to focus attention on the disease and encourage funding for research into a cure, and

WHEREAS, our community is uniquely aware of Pitt Hopkins as 11-year-old Ashton Green of Mansfield and his family deal with impact of his PTHS diagnosis, one of only 450 cases diagnosed worldwide, and

WHEREAS, the Green family will once again work to raise funds for important research with its 3rd Annual Pitt Hopkins Awareness Walk Saturday, Nov. 5, this year expanding their efforts to the entire DFW area and hosting the event at White Rock Lake,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim Sept. 18, 2016, as

PITT HOPKINS SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

and urge all citizens to increase their understanding of Pitt Hopkins Syndrome and support the efforts of the Green family in raising funds to find a cure.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 12th day of September, 2016.