

WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and,

WHEREAS, 20 years ago, more than one billion Eastern monarch butterflies migrated to Mexico, but in the winter of 2014, only 60 million made the trip; and,

WHEREAS, cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the City of Mansfield has played a leadership role by recently creating two monarch butterfly waystations – one at Oliver Nature Park and one at the Mansfield Activities Center courtyard; and,

WHEREAS, every citizen of Mansfield can make a difference for the monarch by planting native mildewed and nectar plants to provide habitat and pollinators for the monarch in locations where people live, work, learn, play and worship; and,

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of Mansfield who have already joined me in creating a healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to be one of many Mayors signing the National Wildlife Federation’s “Mayor’s Monarch Pledge,” and I encourage other city officials across the country to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the continent;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim Sept. 26, 2016, as

MAYOR’S MONARCH PLEDGE DAY

in Mansfield and encourage residents to join in the effort to help save the monarch butterfly for the generations to come.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 26th day of September, 2016.