

WHEREAS, water is a precious resource and conservation of this resource is necessary to ensure availability for future generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, spring and summer are highly active times of the year for planting and general landscaping, which should include use of drought tolerant plants; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield participates with other communities throughout the region in a North Central Council of Governments project called the Texas SmartScape program, which promotes water conservation goals by hosting classes and a demonstration garden planting, including one located at the Chris W. Burkett Service Center; and,

WHEREAS, Texas SmartScape is a part of the Mansfield Water Utilities H2Grow program, the outdoor education portion of department's Water 360 strategic education plan, and

WHEREAS, this program focuses attention on water conservation and water quality benefits while also educating homeowners on creating beautiful and attractive landscapes that show Mansfield at its best,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with the members of the City Council, to hereby proclaim March 2017

TEXAS SMARTSCAPE MONTH

in Mansfield and encourage residents to join in the community activities to support the Texas SmartScape program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 27th day of February, 2017.