

**WHEREAS**, at a time in our nation's history when prayer is needed more than ever, it is fitting that we publicly demonstrate our faith in the power of divine intercession; and,

**WHEREAS**, the first National Day of Prayer was in 1775 when the Continental Congress "designated a time for prayer in forming a new nation;" and,

**WHEREAS**, the observance first became official in 1952 when President Harry Truman signed a law requiring the President to designate a National Day of Prayer each year; and later in 1988 President Ronald Reagan signed legislation declaring the first Thursday in May each year as the nation's official "The National Day of Prayer;" and,

**WHEREAS**, communities across the nation have created multi-faith events to bring local leaders together, offering support for each other, celebrating their collective achievements and praying for their cities as they move forward building and securing a future for their citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, because the freedom of worship is a protected and inherited right, the City of Mansfield, led by our city's pastors, community volunteers and corporate citizens, are recognizing the need for our city's residents to seek guidance and encouragement through prayer; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mansfield is joining with Mansfield Churches For the City to urge our community to come together and pray for our city and its citizens on May 4, 2017, in order to provide a sanctuary of prayer,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with the members of the City Council, to hereby proclaim May 4, 2017, as

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in Mansfield and express gratitude for efforts to make our city stronger through the power of prayer by our nation, seeking divine guidance for ourselves, our leaders and our country to reaffirm the fact that we are truly one nation, indivisible, under God.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield, Texas, to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.