

WHEREAS, the Rev. Don Miller has served First Baptist Church Mansfield for 40 years, first arriving in 1977 as Minister of Education and then named Executive Pastor in 2005, guiding the growing congregation with love and care and building a foundation of community service among its members; and,

WHEREAS, Pastor Miller, who is retiring on July 30, has dedicated himself not only to his church but to the City of Mansfield, providing leadership among the faith community as it seeks to fulfill its mission to care for those in need; and,

WHEREAS, Don has worked with numerous organizations and programs, including Feed the Kids, where he assisted in providing facilities for the group that allowed the program to grow from providing 2,500 bags of food each year to more than 10,000 bags of food annually; and,

WHEREAS, through his leadership he organized the city's first Habitat for Humanity initiative, diligently raising funds and promoting the program that has now built 11 homes in the city for families in need of housing; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield and the entire Mansfield community expresses its thanks to Pastor Miller for his faithful service to his congregation and to the countless residents of our city who have benefited from his dedication and his servant's heart,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim July 30, 2017, as

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in the City of Mansfield and urge all citizens to express their appreciation to Pastor Miller for the love and care he has shown us over the last 40 years. Our community is a much better place because he was here, making a difference each and every day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 24th day of July, 2017.