

**WHEREAS**, one in every six people in Texas struggle with hunger and food insecurity, including one in every four children; and,

**WHEREAS**, 13 percent of American households and 17 percent of American households with children do not consistently have enough nutritious food to eat; and,

**WHEREAS**, children who struggle with hunger may be more likely to repeat a grade in elementary school, experience development impairments in areas like language and motor skills and have more social and behavioral problems; and,

**WHEREAS**, partner agencies in Mansfield are supported by the Tarrant Area Food Bank, which provides more than 2 million meals to more than 53,000 households in 13 Texas counties monthly; and,

**WHEREAS**, the month of September has been designated as “Hunger Action Month” in order to bring awareness to the reality of food insecurity and promote ways for individuals to get involved in the movement to end hunger;

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

### **HUNGER ACTION MONTH**

and urge all citizens to volunteer, donate food and raise funds to support the Tarrant Area Food Bank in their work to fight against hunger and help those in our community in need.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.