

**WHEREAS**, Chiari Malformation (CM) is a neurological disorder characterized by defects in the part of the brain that controls balance; and

**WHEREAS**, CM is categorized by how severely parts of the brain protrude into the spinal canal; and

**WHEREAS**, symptoms usually appear during adolescence or early adulthood and can include severe head and neck pain, vertigo, muscle weakness, balance problems, blurred vision, difficulty swallowing and sleep apnea; and

**WHEREAS**, research is being conducted to find alternative surgical options and identify the causes of CM to improve treatment and prevention plans; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of Chiari Awareness Month, Mansfield will host at Conquer Chiari Walk Across America event on Saturday, Sept. 16, at Katherine Rose Memorial Park to raise awareness and funds to support research,

**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

### **CHIARI AWARENESS MONTH**

and urge all citizens to increase their understanding of Chiari Malformation and support the efforts to raise awareness and funds for continued research to combat this disease.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.