

WHEREAS, there are thousands of public, academic, school, governmental and specialized libraries in the United State, providing invaluable service to more than four million library users each year; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield is fortunate to have librarians and library support staff that bring a world of knowledge to their patrons each day and provide library users with the tools and knowledge they need to grow and be successful in today's complex world; and

WHEREAS, librarians and other library workers must be brought to the table at public policy discussions on key issues, such as intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the digital divide; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the unique contributions of all library workers and the value to individuals and society of those contributions; and

WHEREAS, libraries, library workers, and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Workers Day sponsored by the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA),

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 10, 2018, as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKERS DAY

and encourage the citizens of Mansfield to visit our public library and thank our librarians and library workers for the valuable contribution they make to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 9th day of April, 2018.