

WHEREAS, each July the National Recreation and Park Association recognizes the importance of parks and recreation systems in enhancing the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, this year NRPA is redefining how people think of parks and recreation by focusing on all the undiscovered roles they play in our communities with the theme “Parks and Recreation: A Lifetime of Discovery;” and

WHEREAS, among the non-traditional roles public parks and recreation systems play are science, technology, engineering, innovative health and wellness and outdoor education; and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Park Facilities Development Corporation board members, parks and recreation employees and volunteers play a vital role in our city as they support continued improvements to our parks and recreation system, keep these community treasures clean and safe for visitors and provide recreational activities and educational programming each year; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the efforts of these individuals, Mansfield Parks & Recreation is considered among the best in the state and is continually expanding and improving so our open spaces, trails and nature areas remain a vital part of this city and its heritage;

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

NATIONAL PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

in Mansfield and join with the National Recreation and Park Association in celebrating the positive role our public parks and recreational programs have in our communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 25th day of June, 2018.