

**WHEREAS**, Friends of the Mansfield Public Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great, and

**WHEREAS**, they provide resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading and special events throughout the year, and

**WHEREAS**, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present, and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

**WHEREAS**, United for Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, helps raise awareness of the important work of Friends groups around the country with an annual national celebration, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mansfield Friends gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community, with such programs as the annual Mansfield Reads! event,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with the members of the City Council, to hereby proclaim Oct. 21-27, 2018, as

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in Mansfield and urge all citizens to support the efforts of this volunteer group and thank them for the many contributions they make to our community through their support of our library.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield, Texas, to be affixed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018.