

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library is joining with the library to celebrate books with the 16<sup>th</sup> annual “Mansfield Reads!” our own version of the “One City, One Book” program that has been embraced nationwide; and,

**WHEREAS**, citizens are being asked to come together and read the same book in hopes of initiating discussions and reconnecting with reading and the books offered at the Mansfield Public Library; and,

**WHEREAS**, this year’s selection is “Before We Were Yours” by New York Times best-selling author Lisa Wingate, recipient of the Pat Conroy Southern Book Prize and the 2017 Goodreads Choice Award for historical fiction; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield residents are encouraged to read the book and attend the many special events planned during April, including a lecture with the author April 26 at the Summit High School Performing Arts Center; and,

**WHEREAS**, the nationally award-winning Mansfield Reads! program offers the community an opportunity to continue an annual tradition that not only promotes literacy but inspires communication, creativity and cultural exchange among our citizens,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 2019

### **MANSFIELD READS! MONTH**

in the City of Mansfield and urge all citizens to participate in this event as a celebration of reading and the positive impact literacy has on people’s lives and on 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 25<sup>h</sup> day of March, 2019.