

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library is joining with the library to celebrate books with the 17th 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 the Edgar Allen Poe Award-winning “The Last Child” by New York Times best-selling author John Hart, recipient of the North Carolina Award for Literature and the only author in history to receive the Edgar Award for Best Novel consecutively; 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 24 at the Legacy 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 2020

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 2nd day of March, 2020.