

A Proclamation

By the Mayor of the City of Mansfield

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Reads! program was launched in 2004 to celebrate the Mansfield Public Library's 75th year of service; and

WHEREAS, the Mansfield Reads! program aims to foster a sense of community by encouraging Mansfield residents to read the same book at the same time, and by inviting residents to events, programs and activities in conjunction with reading said book; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Mansfield Reads! book is "News of the World," a novel about a Civil War veteran tasked with transporting a captive girl from Wichita Falls to her relatives near San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, the book was a finalist for the National Book Award for Fiction and was adapted into an Academy Award-nominated film of the same name; and

WHEREAS, the author of "News of the World" is Paulette Jiles, an American novelist, memoirist and poet who lives near San Antonio; and

WHEREAS, this year's Mansfield Reads! activities began with a kick-off on Sept. 16 and in October will feature watercolor painting, a showing of the book's film adaptation, an evening with Paulette Jiles and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Evans, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, join with the Mansfield City Council in recognizing the Mansfield Reads! program for bringing dedicated readers in Mansfield together, and for introducing Mansfield residents to new reading options every year since 2004. The City of Mansfield encourages Mansfield residents to read "News of the World" and to visit mansfieldlibraryfriends.org to learn more about this year's Mansfield Reads! offerings.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 27th day of September, 2021.

Mayor