

A Proclamation

By the Mayor of the City of Mansfield

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield recognizes that understanding our shared history helps us appreciate our progress and strengthens our commitment to a better future; and

WHEREAS, August 30, 2026, marks the 70th anniversary of the effort led by Deacon Thomas Mayfield Moody, with the assistance of attorney Clifford L. Davis and five courageous African American Students, to integrate the Mansfield Independent School District; and

WHEREAS, students Gracie Smith, Hattie Neal, John Hicks, Floyd Moody, and Charles Moody, showed their bravery in their attempt to enroll at Mansfield High School; and

WHEREAS, their determination represents an important chapter in Mansfield's history and reminds us that lasting progress is achieved through courage, perseverance, responsible leadership, and respect for the dignity of every person; and

WHEREAS, over the past 70 years, Mansfield has grown from a small community into a vibrant city where people from all backgrounds live, learn, worship, work, and serve together; and

WHEREAS, this anniversary provides an opportunity not to reopen the divisions of yesterday, but to recognize the progress of today and renew our shared responsibility for tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, "We Are Mansfield: Uniting People" reflects our belief that our community is strongest when we honor our history, value one another, and move forward together;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael A. Evans, Sr., Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, together with the Mansfield City Council, do hereby proclaim Sunday, August 30, 2026, as

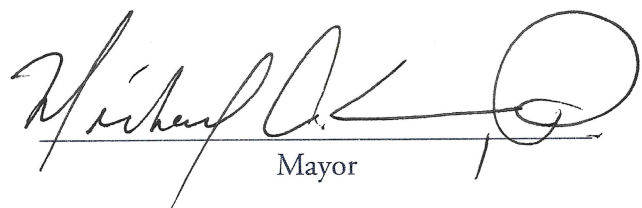
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in the City of Mansfield, and encourage all residents to commemorate this milestone by celebrating our progress, strengthening our relationships, and continuing to build a community in which every person has the opportunity to belong, contribute, and thrive.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 30th day of August 2026.




Mayor