



# **P**roclamation

## Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Michael Beattie has returned home after a 6-month, 12,000-mile bike expedition around the perimeter of the United States, raising support and awareness for the plight of hungry veterans and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Beattie sold his home to self-fund his trip and courageously accomplished his cross country journey despite three spinal surgeries as well as other major surgeries over the past decade; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Beattie's devotion to his cause of feeding our hungry veterans has led him to establish his own nonprofit Biking for Vets, as well as teaming with food pantries and other similarly missioned philanthropies; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Beattie served in our nation's Navy from 1967-1971, owned and operated his own local locksmith business for 42 years and has been a longtime resident of Mansfield; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Beattie, having no intention of ending his campaign despite returning home, continues to garner support and spread his story to raise awareness for his charitable cause.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Town of Mansfield does hereby extend to Mr. Michael Beattie its heartfelt congratulations for a successful trip and warm welcome home.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the year 2016.*

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Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor  
Town of Mansfield  
October 2, 2016