

# Proclamation

## Recognizing Mill Street Telegraph Station Texas Historical Commission Marker and Dedication

**WHEREAS**, the Mill Street Telegraph Station located at 265 E. Mill St. in New Braunfels has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission subject marker designating the site a significant part of Texas history; and

**WHEREAS**, New Braunfels opened its first telegraph station in the 1860s at the Guadalupe Hotel, where August Schmitz, a schoolteacher who spoke German and English, operated as a telegrapher until he moved the office into his home on Mill Street in 1871; and

**WHEREAS**, the mid-1800s house is of half-timber, or *fachwerk*, style with mud bricks made from Dry Comal Creek, and hosted the office until 1879, when it was moved back to the hotel, after which it moved to the railroad depot in 1881; and

**WHEREAS**, sponsors of the marker are Danny and Anna Lisa Tamez, who restored the home to reflect the time of its construction, exposing many of the interior design elements; and

**WHEREAS**, a marker dedication will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, at the Mill Street Telegraph Station, 265 E. Mill St., New Braunfels.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Comal County Commissioners Court, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, and the Comal County Historical Commission wish to commend Danny and Anna Lisa Tamez on their work towards receiving this marker and their dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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Sherman Krause, County Judge

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Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1

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Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2

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Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct 3

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Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct 4

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk