



Proclamation

Recognizing Living Legend 2013 Myra Lee Adams Goff

Whereas: The New Braunfels Foundation trust has named Myra Lee Adams Goff as a "Living Legend of New Braunfels"; and

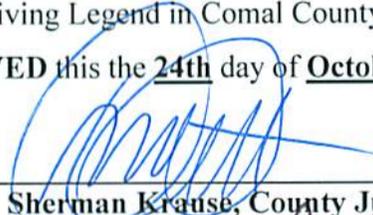
Whereas: Myra Lee Adams was born in New Braunfels and is a fifth generation New Braunfelser. She grew up, like many of her generation, learning to swim in the spring-fed pool at Landa Park and in a household where German was spoken. She graduated from New Braunfels High School where she began her writing career with a column in the *Town and Country News* and as a special correspondent for the *San Antonio Light*. She left New Braunfels for Texas Christian University and earned a degree in Social Studies with minors in English and German. Myra Lee and her future husband, Glyn Goff, met as freshmen at TCU and the two married their senior year. After graduation, the newlyweds returned to New Braunfels where Myra Lee began teaching school. Myra Lee was hired to teach music, art, and fourth grade at Lamar Elementary, a school she herself had attended as a child. After teaching at Lamar for three years, Myra Lee left teaching temporarily to raise their three children: Karen, Patricia, and James Marcus. In 1963, Myra Lee returned to teaching at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School. The following year, she began teaching sixth grade music, art, and social studies at Carl Schurz Elementary. Although she began piano lessons at age seven, taught music to hundreds of children, and still plays the piano today, Myra Lee never learned to read music. She played everything by ear and none of her teachers ever knew! Her students certainly never knew and were the beneficiaries of end-of-school music programs that bordered on Broadway productions! In 1970, all sixth graders were relocated to New Braunfels Middle School, and Myra Lee moved with them. At New Braunfels Middle School, Myra Lee taught Fine Arts which included art, music, drama, social studies, and English. She ended her teaching career at NBMS in charge of the Gifted and Talented Program and the Odyssey of the Mind and Knowledge Masters programs; and

Whereas: Retirement brought Myra Lee back to her writing career and a partnership with Rosemarie Leissner Gregory that produced several books about the history of New Braunfels and Comal County. The two women authored Kindermaskenball, Past and Present, the History of First Protestant Church, and the narrative for New Braunfels, Comal County Texas, A Pictorial History. Myra Lee recently wrote another book on the history of the Comal County Fair, It's Fair Time. The History of the Comal County Fair and a feature section for the *New Braunfels Herald Zeitung* about the history of the Comal County Courthouse to commemorate the Courthouse restoration. Since 2006, Myra Lee has written her column "Around the Museum and Archives." Written for the Sophienburg Museum and Archives, the column appears in the *Herald Zeitung* every other Sunday and is about the people, places, and events in the history of New Braunfels; and

Whereas: Myra Lee received the Silver Unicorn Award from the New Braunfels Independent School District, the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award from the New Braunfels Independent School District Education Foundation, and the Sophienburg Museum and Archives named her their Volunteer of the Year. She has been a member of the First Protestant Church Choir for thirty years, a Sunday School teacher, the Grand Marshall of the Kindermaskenball Parade, and the Grand Marshall of the Comal County Fair Parade;

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Commissioners Court of Comal County proclaims Myra Lee Adams Goff to be a Living Legend in Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 24th day of October 2013.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1

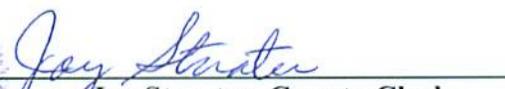

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2


Absent
Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct 3


Jan Kennady, Commissioner Pct 4



Attest:


Joy Streater, County Clerk


by Cynthia Jague, Deputy