

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING THE 1915 NEW BRAUNFELS POST OFFICE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MARKER AND DEDICATION

WHEREAS, the 1915 New Braunfels Post Office located at 196 N. Castell Ave., New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission subject marker designating the post office to be a significant part of Texas history; and

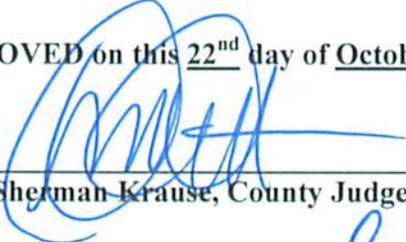
WHEREAS, the old post office of New Braunfels was built during the full-scale 20th century transformation of the United States Postal System. Programs like the United States Postal Savings System, parcel post, airmail, and improved rural delivery services expanded the reach and popularity of the postal system for letters and packages. In 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed an act to fund the construction of a postal office building in New Braunfels. Prior to this, the postal service had its headquarters in various homes and businesses. The new building was dedicated in 1915, with the names on the cornerstone of William G. McAdoo, U.S. Secretary of the Treasury – which was responsible for post offices, and James A. Wetmore, supervising architect. Many contractors were involved in construction, with Round Rock limestone and D'Hanis and Acme Brick Companies as suppliers for much of the exterior materials; and

WHEREAS, during the Great Depression and World War II, the office also sold war bonds and handled food stamps and ration books. In the 1960s, the office was remodeled, and an addition to the north side was constructed. The location of the New Braunfels Post Office was eventually moved to Seguin Avenue in 1985. For 70 years, the New Braunfels community was supported and served through this post office building. In 2007-08, the building was completely renovated to house McAdoo's Seafood Company, named for the former secretary of the treasury; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held on Thursday, October 22nd, 2015, on the front steps of McAdoo's Seafood Company at 5:30p.m. with reception to follow on the back porch. Sponsors of the marker are Pat and Becky Wiggins, who have lovingly restored the post office building into one of the finest restaurants and office buildings in the city.

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 Pat and Becky Wiggins 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 22nd day of October, 2015.


Sherman Krause, County Judge

Absent
Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1

Scott Haag
Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2

Kevin Webb
Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct 3

Absent
Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct 4

Attest: Bobbie Koepp
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk

