

State of Texas \*  
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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING ANHALT HALLE AND THE GERMANIA FARMER VEREIN TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MARKER AND DEDICATION

**WHEREAS**, the Germania Farmer Verein and Anhalt Halle located at 2390 Anhalt Road, Spring Branch, Comal County, Texas, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission Marker designating the organization and hall a significant part of Texas history; and

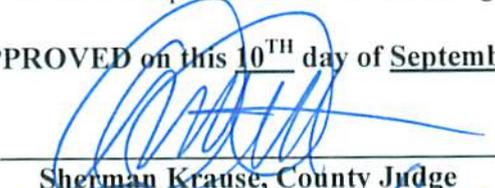
**WHEREAS**, Anhalt began in the 1850s as a small, predominantly German, farming and ranching settlement. Originally known as Krause settlement, its name changed to Anhalt, meaning "stopping place," with the opening of the Anhalt post office in the Krause store. The Germania Farmer Verein (club) was organized in 1875 in Anhalt in response to cattle rustling and to provide benefits for members' widows and children. The club brand, a "G" on an animal's left shoulder, was placed with a member's own brand to prevent rustling. The brand was registered in Comal, Kendall, Bexar, Blanco and Gillespie counties. With the eventual elimination of the threat of rustling, the Verein could spend time on improving livestock and crops as well as planning social festivals; and

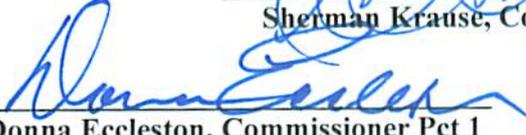
**WHEREAS**, Anhalt Halle was built in 1879 as the Verein meeting place and a social gathering place. Annual festivals were held such as the Maifest (following spring planting) and Oktoberfest (following fall harvest). The dance hall, one of the oldest and largest in Texas, has increased in size with additions built in stages. Over the years, many notable local and national performers have played here. What began as a stopping place in the mid-1800s remains a popular attraction for many. Visitors to Anhalt can experience the culture that was prevalent in the German Texas hill country. The Germania Farmer Verein has preserved many of the characteristics of the rich German heritage that has been passed from one generation to the next, from German language, music, and food to gemütlichkeit (good times and good feelings); and

**WHEREAS**, a marker dedication will be held on Sunday, September 13th, 2015 from 12 noon to 3 pm at the Anhalt Halle with singing, music, food and fellowship.

**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 you on your work towards receiving this marker and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of September, 2015.

  
Sherman Krause, County Judge

  
Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1

  
Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2

  
Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct 3

  
Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct 4

Attest:

  
Bobbie Koeppe, County Clerk

