

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING COMAL COUNTY FAIR TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION MARKER AND DEDICATION

WHEREAS, the Comal County Fair located at 701 E. Common Street, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission marker designating the event to be a significant part of Texas history; and

WHEREAS, the annual Comal County Fair represents tradition and community in New Braunfels, where it has been an important event since the early 1890s. The fair emphasizes agriculture, animal husbandry, home economic skills, arts, entertainment, patriotism, organizations, and local industry. In 1892, the opportunity for the first fair arose when the city hospital, the Krankenhaus, held its dedication and wanted a fair to take place on hospital grounds as a hospital fundraiser. In 1893, the Comal County Fair Association organized with Harry Landa elected as president. The first Comal County Fair was held in 1894 on Landa's pasture near Landa Park and would be held there for the next four years; and

WHEREAS, in 1898, the association purchased eleven acres on the Guadalupe River in Comaltown to host the fair. The initial acreage was sold in 1905 to the city with a lease agreement with the Fair Association for use of the land that is still in effect today. In 1923, the Fair Association reorganized into a corporation and purchased additional adjacent acreage from the Braunfels Subdivision. The fair has reflected the times, scaling back activities during WWI, the Great Depression, and WWII. The 1946 fair celebrated the end of WWII and also the New Braunfels Centennial, which was celebrated a year late due to the war. The fair has always been about the people, from fair queens, rodeo queens, marching bands, fair floats and the parade, to carnivals, rodeos and horse racing. The Comal County Fair is the only community event where schools and many local businesses close to encourage participation. Today the Comal County Fair has become one of the largest county fairs in Texas; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held on Thursday, September 24th, 2015, at the Comal Corral.

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 17TH day of September, 2015.

Absent

Sherman Krause, County Judge

Donna Eccleston
Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pet 1
Acting County Judge

Scott Haag
Scott Haag, Commissioner Pet 2

Kevin Webb
Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pet 3

Jon Crownover
Jon Crownover, Commissioner Pet 4



Bobbie Koepp
By: *Bobbie Koepp*
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk