

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING FIRST PROTESTANT CHURCH FOUNDERS DAY 170TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, German emigration to the Republic of Texas was an important beginning; and

WHEREAS, the first group of emigrants led by Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels, Commissioner General and founder of New Braunfels, was charged under the statutes of the Adelsverein with the immediate establishment of churches and schools in the new settlement for people of both Catholic and Protestant faith; and

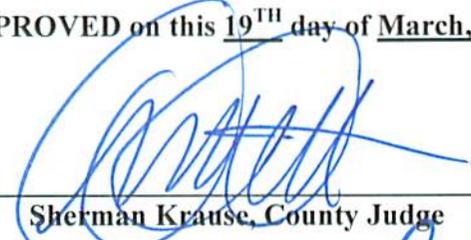
WHEREAS, on December 23, 1844 on the beach at Port Lavaca, Rev. Louis Ervendberg, who was chosen by Prince Carl, conducted what is considered to be the first church service for the emigrants, and the people who congregated there under the Texas sky were grateful for God's guidance and protection which had brought them safely through the perilous three-month ocean voyage; and

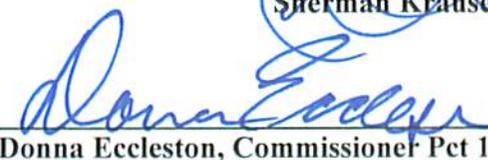
WHEREAS, the first group of emigrants led by Prince Carl to the settlement of New Braunfels, crossed the Guadalupe River on Good Friday, March 21, 1845, where church service was held in the elm forest below Sophienberg Hill; and

WHEREAS, October 5, 1845, the German Protestant Church constituted itself as the oldest corporation in New Braunfels and the Republic of Texas issued its charter on October 15, 1845.

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, would like to congratulate you, First Protestant Church of New Braunfels, Texas, on your 170th Anniversary.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 19TH day of March, 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 Koepf, County Clerk

