

State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Fischer Store Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Marker and Dedication

WHEREAS, brothers Hermann Fischer (1826-1893) and Otto Fischer (1830-1904) emigrated from Germany to Texas in 1849 and 1852, respectively, settling here in 1853, building a two-room dogtrot log cabin on the banks of Lake Creek, and through subsistence farming, livestock, and wild game, they were able to survive in this remote area; and

WHEREAS, following the Civil War, more settlers moved to this region and Hermann established a mercantile business out of his home, and after marrying Anna Lindemann (1837-1921) in 1855, both his business and family grew quickly and soon the cabin became too small; and

WHEREAS, in the 1870s, the store moved to its second location, a larger building which included a saloon and a post office for "Fischer's Store", which was the social and economic center of the community and helped settlers acclimate to the new area; and

WHEREAS, in 1902 the current store was built by Hermann Fisher II (1866-1931) and Willie Fischer (1868-1958), selling a wide range of merchandise from small household items to large farm equipment; and

WHEREAS, the building construction features juniper (mountain cedar) piers, long leaf pine beams, tin siding, six-over-six double-hung cypress frame windows with wavy glass panes, interior walls lined with custom shelving, glass display cases, and revolving octagonal hardware cabinets; and

WHEREAS, the original post office equipment and telephone booth remain as a reminder of the building's initial purpose; and

WHEREAS, as the namesake and heart of the community, Fischer Store is a classic example of an early 20th century mercantile; and

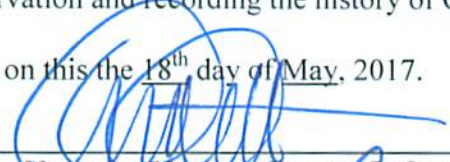
WHEREAS, Fischer Store located at 4040 FM 484, Fischer, Texas, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designating the history of the site in Comal County to be a significant part of Texas history; and

WHEREAS, sponsor of the marker is Georganne Groesbeck in memory of her mother, Charlene Fischer, who owned and ran the store for many years; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at Fischer Store.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED 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 a Texas Historic Landmark designation and for your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 18th day of May, 2017.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest:


Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk

