

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Former *New Braunfels Herald* Building Texas Historical Commission Marker and Dedication

WHEREAS, the site of the former *New Braunfels Herald* at 356 Main Plaza, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission subject marker designating the site a significant part of Texas history; and

WHEREAS, located in the center of town, this site once housed the Zum Schwarzen Wallfisch (or Black Whale) Saloon in a small wooden structure likely built by Ferdinand Simon Sr., contractor for the first permanent Comal County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, the *New Braunfels Herald*, established in 1892 by S.R. Whitley and his three sons, was housed in the wooden structure from 1896 to 1907, and from 1925 to 1944 in a new brick building built on the site by A.C. Moeller; and

WHEREAS, the newspaper not only kept the area abreast of local, state and national events, but as the first English-language newspaper in New Braunfels, also attracted many businesses, residents and visitors to the area who learned of the prosperous and beautiful community; and

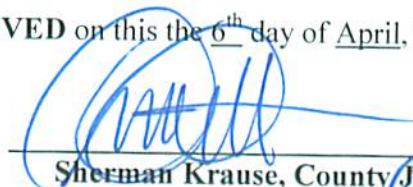
WHEREAS, in 1944, the *Herald* moved to South Castell Street and continued its service to the area; and


WHEREAS, sponsors of the marker are Donna Byrd and family, owners of the building; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, at 356 Main Plaza.

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 this marker and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.


PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 6th day of April, 2017.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jon Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: 
Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk

