

State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Sophienburg Hill Texas Historical Commission Subject Marker and Historic Site of the Republic of Texas Marker

WHEREAS, the Sophienburg Hill at 401 W. Coll St., New Braunfels, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission subject marker and Historic Site of the Republic of Texas marker designating the history of the site in Comal County to be a significant part of Texas history; and

WHEREAS, during the Republic of Texas period in the 1840s, a group of German noblemen formed the Adelsverein – the Society for the Protection of German Immigration in Texas – and named Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels its first commissioner general, and after founding New Braunfels in 1845, he chose this hill overlooking the new city for a fortress, naming it the Sophienburg in honor of his fiancée, Princess Sophia; and

WHEREAS, although a log structure was built to serve as the Adelsverein headquarters, a well was dug, and other buildings constructed to serve as storehouses and lodging, a large fortress was never built, as instead Prince Carl returned to Germany, John O. Meusebach succeeded him as commissioner general, the Adelsverein ran into financial trouble, the Sophienburg Hill property was sold, the buildings fell into disrepair, and the last remaining structure was destroyed by a storm in 1886; and

WHEREAS, in 1933 part of the Sophienburg property was bought to build a museum that still stands at the corner of Academy and Coll; in 1938 the first city library was built nearby with a second library built in 1968; and these structures now house the Sophienburg Museum and Archives collections, with the Sophienburg Museum Association ensuring the site reflects the history of New Braunfels and Comal County; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of the markers are the Sophienburg Museum and Archives and the Ferdinand Lindheimer Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, October 10, at the Sophienburg Museum and Archives, 401 W. Coll St., New Braunfels.

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 commend you on your work toward receiving these markers and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 5th day of October, 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