



State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Iris Timmermann Schumann, recipient of the Frederick Frueholz Jr. Historic Preservation Award

WHEREAS, the Comal County Historical Commission has designated the Frederick Frueholz Jr. Historic Preservation Award in honor of Dr. Frederick Frueholz Jr., a longtime member of the Comal County Historical Commission and its first chairman; and

WHEREAS, one recipient is chosen annually by Comal County Historical Commission members based on his or her dedication to the historical preservation of Comal County, and the award is presented each May to celebrate Texas Historic Preservation Month; and

WHEREAS, Iris Timmermann Schumann has spent much of her adult life in the determined, passionate pursuit of preserving the history of New Braunfels and Comal County; and

WHEREAS, she has catalogued and recorded the documents, photographs and artifacts of her beloved hometown and taught others to do the same, her love for New Braunfels probably best illustrated by her volunteer work at the Sophienburg Archives, where she has served as the archivist for thirteen years and replaced her mentor, Fred Oheim, as archives chairman; and

WHEREAS, Iris used her education, professional knowledge, and considerable energy to establish the systems still used today for recording, interpreting and preserving vital information – introducing the first computer software, teaching genealogy and helping procure the Old City Hall when the archives outgrew the Emmie Seele Faust Library; and

WHEREAS, she was instrumental in the success of “Reflections,” the oral history radio program produced by the Sophienburg for broadcast on KGNB that still records and preserves the recollections of New Braunfels residents, and – as chair of the Plaza Fountain revitalization project during the city’s sesquicentennial – Iris helped fundraise and ensure the fountain’s exact historical restoration; and

WHEREAS, Iris’ passion and tireless efforts have ensured the preservation of priceless historical documents for future generations of New Braunfels and Comal County residents.

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 Iris Timmermann Schumann on her work toward receiving this award and her dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 24th day of May, 2017.


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