



State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Inclusion of Riley's Tavern in the National Register of Historic Places

WHEREAS, Riley's Tavern, located at 8894 FM 1102 in Hunter, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 23, 2018, designating the site to be a significant part of the history of Comal County, Texas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of places in the United States worthy of historical preservation, and is sponsored by the National Park Service, a division of the United States Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, funding for preparation of the nomination of Riley's Tavern was provided by a Texas Historical Commission grant and Comal County, with the Comal County Historical Commission as sponsor; and

WHEREAS, when the cotton industry was flourishing in the 19th century, the town of Hunter sprang up along what is now called FM 1102, which was originally a stagecoach route from New Braunfels to San Marcos that lay along part of the El Camino Real National Historic Trail; and

WHEREAS, early in the 1880s, a saloon or gathering place in Hunter called Galloways became a place for residents to socialize, with the current building eventually constructed about 1895; and

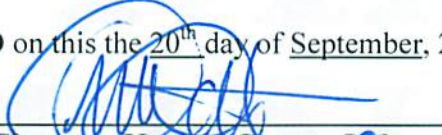
WHEREAS, during Prohibition, the tavern closed and served as the home of the Bernardino Sanchez family, and after Prohibition's repeal in 1933, the saloon became active again, this time named after J.C. Riley, who at age 17 was the first to obtain a liquor license in Texas after the repeal; and

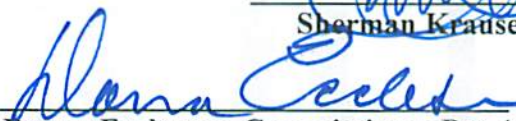
WHEREAS, in 2004 Riley's Tavern was purchased by longtime Hays County resident Joel Hofmann, who now serves third-generation customers in a bar that includes many of its original features; and

WHEREAS, an 85th birthday party will be held for Riley's Tavern on Sept. 22, with a National Register dedication at 5 p.m.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 20th day of September, 2018.


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