



State of Texas *

County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Inclusion of Walzem Homestead in the National Register of Historic Places

WHEREAS, the Walzem Homestead, 690 Mission Valley Road, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas, was listed February 2, 2018, in the National Register of Historic Places, designating the site to be a significant part of the history of Comal County, the state of Texas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Johann Joseph and Anna Gertruda Walzem came to Texas from Prussia around 1851 and received 160 acres of land from the State of Texas in late 1859, after which Johann, a stonemason, and his sons built a home and barn, as well as the nearby St. John Chapel, and also dug four cisterns on the property; and

WHEREAS, the home, built in stages from stone found on the property, served as a schoolhouse in the 1860s before the land passed to the Walzems' children – Johann, Gertrude, Andreas, Heinrich and Peter – in 1871; and

WHEREAS, the homestead received a Texas Historic Landmark designation in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation sponsored by the National Park Service division of the U.S. Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, the Comal County Historical Commission sponsored the Walzem Homestead nomination for inclusion in the register, with funding for its preparation provided by a Texas Historical Commission matching grant and Comal County Commissioners Court; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor of the dedication recognizing the listing is the Alton and Yvonne Rahe family; and

WHEREAS, a dedication ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at 690 Mission Valley Road, 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 wish to commend you on your work towards receiving this designation and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 19th day of April, 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