

State of Texas *

County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing the Ernst and Antoinette Gruene House as a Texas Historical Commission Recorded Texas Historic Landmark

WHEREAS, the Ernst and Antoinette Gruene House has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission marker designating it as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark and the history of the site to be a significant part of Texas history; and

WHEREAS, Ernst and Maria Antoinette (Kloepper) Gruene arrived in New Braunfels May 15, 1846, with his mother and a servant after an arduous 8 month, 17 day journey from Germany, stopping along their intended route to Fredericksburg for Ernst to recover from cholera and finally deciding to make their home here instead; and

WHEREAS, Ernst Gruene bought a 10-acre tract of land along Foothills Road, now known as Rock Street, in Comaltown, and in 1852 built their home, where the Gruenes raised their three children – Ernst Jr, Heinrich (H.D.) and Johanna – and lived for more than 44 years; and

WHEREAS, the home was originally built in the dogtrot style and constructed with handmade sun-dried adobe brick and hand-hewn native mountain cedar timber frames, with alterations over the years to accommodate later families; and

WHEREAS, the current owners, Dr. Daniel and Anna Lisa Tamez, have converted the property to an event complex managed by Nolan and Katherine Bluntzer using the Gruene House as guest quarters; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of the Recorded Texas Historic Landmark are Dr. Daniel and Anna Lisa Tamez; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held at 5:30 pm Tuesday, May 7, at the Gruene House at 532 Rock 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 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 2nd day of May, 2019.


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 Koepp, County Clerk