

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing New Braunfels 1918 Fire Station Texas Historical Commission Recorded Texas Historical Landmark

WHEREAS, the New Braunfels 1918 Fire Station has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission marker designating it as a recorded Texas Historical Landmark and the history of the site to be a significant part of Texas history; and

WHEREAS, the designer of the 1918 Fire Station was L. M. Dielmann from San Antonio, and the bid was awarded to well-known New Braunfels contractor Ad. F. Moeller; and

WHEREAS, the two-story brick and mortar building was designed with Mission Revival and Prairie School influences, and represents the first major modernization of firefighting, including mechanical trucks, paid staff and sixty volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the New Braunfels 1918 Fire Station was the community's first fire station, built 73 years after the city was founded in 1845, and served as Fire Station No. 1 for almost seventy years until April 1987, when a new station was built next door, and

WHEREAS, former New Braunfels Fire Department Battalion Chief Darren Brinkkoeter – whose father, Roger Brinkkoeter, also served the department – had the idea of converting the 1918 Fire Station building into a museum, allowing the department to save much of the city's original firefighting equipment, which is now on display in the museum; and

WHEREAS, the sponsor of the Texas Historical Commission marker is the New Braunfels Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the fire station, 131 S. Hill Ave., New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas.

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 14th day of February, 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