



State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing the Inclusion of Anhalt Halle in the National Register of Historic Places

WHEREAS, Anhalt Halle, located at 2390 Anhalt Road, Spring Branch, Comal County, Texas, was listed July 23, 2018, in the National Register of Historic Places, designating the Germania Farmer Verein and hall a significant part of the history of Comal County, Texas and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Anhalt was begun in the 1850s as a small, predominantly German farming and ranching settlement originally known as Krause Settlement before its name was changed to the German word for "stopping place" with the opening of the Anhalt Post Office; and

WHEREAS, The Germania Farmer Verein, or "club," was organized in 1875 in Anhalt in response to cattle rustling and to provide benefits for members' widows and children, but with the eventual elimination of the threat of rustling, the Verein could spend time on improving livestock and crops, as well as planning social festivals; and

WHEREAS, Anhalt Halle was built in 1879 as the Verein meeting and social gathering place hosting annual festivals such as Maifest and Oktoberfest, and the dance hall, one of the oldest and largest in Texas, has increased in size with additions built in the ensuing decades; and

WHEREAS, what began as a stopping place in the mid-1800s remains a popular attraction for many, and over the years, many notable local and national performers have played at Anhalt Halle, which retains for visitors the historic culture of the German Texas Hill Country thanks to the Germania Farmer Verein, which has preserved many of the rich German characteristics, such as language, music and food; and

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

WHEREAS, nomination to the register was funded by a Texas Historical Commission grant with funds matched by Comal County Commissioners Court, with the Comal County Historical Commission as sponsor; and

WHEREAS, a dedication ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 24th, 2019, at Anhalt Halle.

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 the Germania Farmer Verein on its work towards receiving this designation and its dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 18th day of April, 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 Koepf, County Clerk

