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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing 2020 Living Legend James A. Owens

**WHEREAS**, James A. Owens graduated from New Braunfels High School in 1973 and after graduation, joined the family business established by his parents, Mary and David, and built along with his brother, sister, and their children, a successful and well-respected local construction company; and

**WHEREAS**, Comal County has experienced devastating floods, and Jimmy was there in a dump truck to help rescue people from roof tops in the 1972 flood and pulled a trailer through floodwaters for people to climb onto in the Las Brisas neighborhood in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no disaster too great or task too small for Jimmy as he has worked to remove debris from homes and public lands in practically every flood and disaster throughout our community, and even beyond as he has taken transformers to Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina and volunteered with First Baptist Church's Chainsaw Ministry in Port Arthur; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wine and Sangerfest and Wassilfest events and the Soul-Searching cemetery tours all have benefited from Jimmy's assistance with set-up and clean-up efforts; he has delivered playhouses for Hope Hospice, was instrumental in building the Christian Academy High School and Tree of Life Church, and continues to volunteer every year at the historic Comal County Fair and Rodeo; and

**WHEREAS**, for fifteen years, Jimmy has coached in the Upwards Basketball program, for over thirty years has coached Little League baseball and softball, as well as coached tennis and soccer; and


**WHEREAS**, the New Braunfels Herald Zeitung recognized Jimmy's exceptional resume when they named him an *Unsung Hero* in 2013 and shares the 2018 New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Service Award with his brother, John; and

**WHEREAS**, Jimmy has passed his legacy of service to his eleven children, helping daughter Jennifer with the Comal Cops for Kids fundraisers and assisting daughter Julianna in raising funds for an orphanage in Haiti and building orphanages in Mexico.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Comal County Commissioners Court, acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, does hereby recognize and commend James A. Owens for being named by the Braunfels Foundation Trust as a Living Legend in Comal County.


**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

  
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