

State of Texas \*  
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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing 711 Ranch with a Texas Historical Commission Subject Marker

**WHEREAS**, the 711 Ranch, which was located in northern Comal County, has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission Subject Marker and the history of the site is a significant part of Texas history; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1949 WWI veteran L. A. Nordan (1896-1969) and his wife Pearl (1896-1994) established the 711 Ranch along the Guadalupe River with purchases of land eventually totaling 8,680 acres, naming it for his office suite in the Milam Building in San Antonio; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Nordan, a prominent figure in the oil and gas industry, established a world class ranching operation, including Santa Gertrudis cattle and Columbia sheep and the Nordans were also known for their wildlife and conservation practices on their land and for their philanthropy; and

**WHEREAS**, early German and Swiss pioneers of the area including the Haas, Kaderli, Bremer, Engel, Suche, Rauch, and Flugrath families settled the lands that would become the 711 Ranch between 1865 and 1887; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nordans valued their long-term employees and took care to preserve the nineteenth century structures and cemeteries on their lands; and

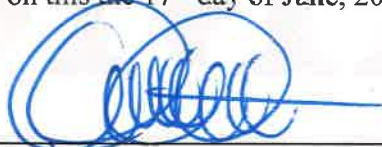
**WHEREAS**, between 1961 and 1963 almost two thousand acres were acquired by the U. S. Government for the Canyon Lake Reservoir, and in 1999, some 7,180 acres of the ranch was sold and soon became the Mystic Shores subdivision; and

**WHEREAS**, Paula Rieker researched and wrote the marker narrative and is sponsoring the marker along with Sally Startz Blacksmith; and

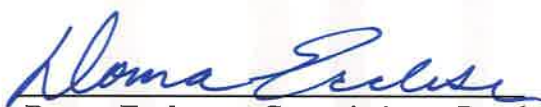
**WHEREAS**, a marker dedication will be held at 10:00 AM, June 19, 2021, at the gate kiosk of The Peninsula at Mystic Shores subdivision near 1131 Mystic Parkway, Spring Branch, Texas 78070.

**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.

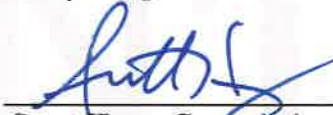
**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



Sherman Krause, County Judge



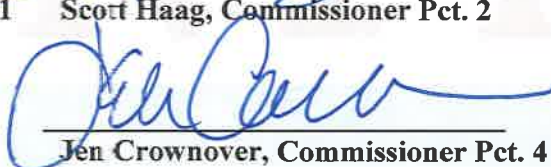
Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1



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Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest:



Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk