

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Heinrich Mordhorst with a Texas Historical Commission Subject Marker

WHEREAS, Artist and craftsman, Heinrich (Henry) Theodore Mordhorst (1864-1928) has been awarded a Texas Historical Commission Subject Marker as he was determined to be a significant part of Texas history; and

WHEREAS, Heinrich Mordhorst learned the earthenware trade in Germany from his father before the family immigrated to Ohio in 1881, and later moved to Fort Worth and then to New Braunfels around 1906 after a friend showed him clay from the Comal River; and

WHEREAS, Mordhorst established the Comal Earthenware Company in 1906 near the Comal River with business partner Emil Heinen and soon shifted his focus to working with a relatively new building material, cement; and

WHEREAS, Mordhorst contributed to the development of New Braunfels in the first decades of the Twentieth Century, with works including sidewalks, cellars, water troughs, cisterns, as well as the New Braunfels International & Great Northern Railroad Station in 1907 and houses built of concrete blocks that looked like shaped stone, the first of which still stands on Zink Street; and

WHEREAS, Heinrich Mordhorst is most recognized for his ornate domed grave covers made from rectangular bases covered with large Atlantic cockleshells obtained from Rockport and Galveston and found in cemeteries throughout Comal County and Central Texas and as far as Orange Grove; and


WHEREAS, Heinrich Mordhorst died in 1928 and is buried in Comal Cemetery, and his lasting legacies as an artisan and craftsman are among his many contributions to the economic development and rich cultural heritage in New Braunfels and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, this marker was funded through the Texas Historical Commission Undertold Marker Program and is sponsored by the City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department and the Texas Historical Commission; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, at his gravesite located in Comal Cemetery on Peace Avenue, quadrant #32D/E11, New Braunfels, Texas.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Comal County Commissioners Court and the Comal County Historical Commission wish to commend the City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation Department on your work towards receiving this marker and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 21st day of April, 2022.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest:


Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk