

State of Texas \*  
County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing the Inclusion of the Kappelmann-Mayer Ranch in the National Register of Historic Places

**WHEREAS**, the Kappelmann-Mayer Ranch located at 4738 FM 1863, Comal County, Bulverde, Texas was listed February 10, 2020, on the National Register of Historic Places, designating the site to be a significant part of the history of Comal County, Texas, and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation, and funding to prepare the Kappelmann-Mayer Ranch nomination was provided by a Texas Historical Commission Certified Local Government grant; and

**WHEREAS**, German migration to Texas began in the mid-19th century, with Comal County developing as one of ten traditionally rural counties that formed the South-Central Texas "German Belt", where Adolph Kappelmann (1835-1923) settled in 1850 with the first wave of German migration, acquired land in Comal County by 1854, and by 1900 owned approximately 780 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, Adolph Kappelmann originally settled the land for farming and constructed a *Fachwerk* house in 1866, later deeding part of the land to family members, and in 1919 sold 370 acres to Adam Mayer (1863-1940) who immigrated to Texas from Germany in 1880 and used the land for farming and raising livestock; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Kappelmann-Mayer Ranch is on approximately 73 acres with an intact grouping of 20 mid-nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings and structures representing the early German homestead in Comal County and the important role agriculture played in local history; and

**WHEREAS**, the property continues to be owned by descendants of Adam Mayer with his great-granddaughter Beverly Mayer Maynard, her husband Ray, and their family living on the property, using the Kappelmann *Fachwerk* house to operate *Gasthaus Mayer*, a bed and breakfast, and leasing the fields for cattle grazing.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Comal County Commissioners Court and the Comal County Historical Commission wish to commend you on your work toward receiving this marker, your commitment to historical preservation, and for recording of the history of Comal County.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 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