

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing Texas Native Plant Week 2022

WHEREAS, in 2009 efforts by members from the Native Plant Society of Texas led to the Texas Legislature designating the 3rd full week of October as Texas Native Plant Week; and

WHEREAS, Texas native plants conserve water, provide habitats for birds, wildlife and butterflies, and help protect ecosystems as well as support pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the Native Plant Society of Texas, founded in 1981, has 36 chapters promoting the conservation, research and utilization of native plants and plant habitats through education, outreach and example; and

WHEREAS, New Braunfels is fortunate to have two active chapters, the Lindheimer Chapter founded in 1999 and the New Braunfels Chapter founded in 2019, each chapter with over 100 members; and

WHEREAS, the Lindheimer Chapter has developed Monarch Waystations at The Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country as well as at the Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture and Heritage Village, and twice a year offers the Native Landscape Certification Program (NLCP), a series of classes that teach the best practices for native plant landscape and habitat preservation and introduction; and

WHEREAS, the Lindheimer Chapter has contributed, in plants or money, to Comal County Conservation Alliance, Headwaters at the Comal, Madrone Trail Project, Bracken Bat Cave, Tye Preston Memorial Library and the San Antonio Botanical Garden; and

WHEREAS, the New Braunfels Chapter has developed butterfly gardens at Seele Elementary School and Conservation Plaza, planted & maintained the gardens in Landa Park's Pioneer Family Monument, and joined with Headwaters at the Comal to present a native plant landscaping class each Spring & Fall; and

WHEREAS, the New Braunfels Chapter has contributed, in money or plants, to Comal County Conservation Alliance, Headwaters at the Comal, Comal Trails Alliance, the Texas Rare & Endangered Species Project at the San Antonio Botanical Garden, NPSOT's Bring Back the Monarchs Program, Kate Hillhouse Scholarship Fund, and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center; and

WHEREAS, the Lindheimer and New Braunfels Chapters provide monthly programs, open to the public, on varying topics from butterfly gardening to fireflies to Texas grasses; and

WHEREAS, the Lindheimer and New Braunfels Chapters hold Texas native plant sales locally, to encourage landscaping with native plants and offering a wide variety of plants not readily available; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, recognizes the outstanding achievement and efforts of the Lindheimer and New Braunfels Chapters of the Native Plant Society of Texas to promote Texas native plants in Comal County and hereby proclaims October 16-22, 2022, as Texas Native Plant Week throughout Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 13th day of October, 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 Koeppe, County Clerk

