

State of Texas \*  
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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing 2023 Living Legend Alton Rahe

**WHEREAS**, Alton Rahe has been writing, playing, and teaching the history and culture of New Braunfels and Comal County for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton was a member of The Hi-Toppers, a local polka and dance band that started in high school in 1949 and who, by 1978, had performed at more than 150 dancehalls, recorded ten nationally recognized records, performed at twenty-five Wurstfests, and received the first ever-awarded Burgermeister Award in 1974 from New Braunfels Mayor Bill Brown for serving as ambassadors of goodwill and promoting German heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton graduated from New Braunfels High, received both a Bachelor of Arts in Education and later a Master’s Degree in Education from Texas State Teachers College and in 1967 received a second Master’s degree in Statistics from Virginia Polytechnical Institute, now Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton worked as a civilian mathematical statistician for the Air Force and co-authored numerous technical publications and taught evening classes at St. Mary’s University, San Antonio College, and religion classes at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton was also a member of the American Legion Band, the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Band, the New Braunfels Brass Band, was a cantor and sang in the Men’s Choir at Saints Peter and Paul from its inception in 2002 until 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton served as a Comal County Historical Commission member for fifteen years, an officer for twelve years, and wrote at least sixteen narratives for historical markers that dot our county to remind us of our rich history; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton has published four books on Comal County with any profits made from selling these books, donated back to charitable organizations; and

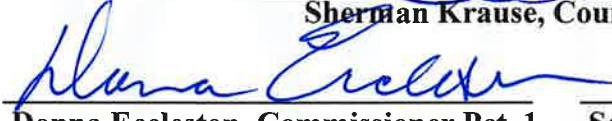
**WHEREAS**, he received the first Frederick Frueholz Preservation Award from the Comal County Historical Commission, was named a Distinguished Unicorn Alumni by the NBISD Education Foundation, and became a member of the Wurstfest Association in 1981 achieving Opa Emeritus status.

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

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.



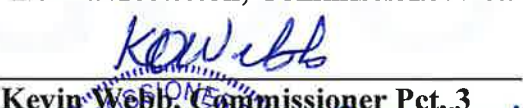
Sherman Krause, County Judge



Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1



Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2



Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3



Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest:   
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk