

State of Texas \*

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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing 2023 Living Legend Cecil Eager

**WHEREAS**, Cecil Eager was born in the small west Texas town of Clyde and was raised with his two sisters to live their Christian faith and to work as a team — concepts that are solid foundations of Cecil’s professional and volunteer life; and

**WHEREAS**, Cecil graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Abilene Christian University and master’s degree in physical education from Baylor; and

**WHEREAS**, he served as the men’s and women’s tennis coach at Abilene Christian leading the Wildcats to NCAA Division II top ten rankings and seven Lone Star Conference championships, ultimately coaching twenty-five All-Americans and serving as Abilene Christian’s Athletic Director from 1990-1995; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, Cecil accepted an offer from T-Bar-M to serve as president of their camps, and the Eagers relocated their family to New Braunfels; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000 Cecil and wife Judi bought the historic Gruene Mansion Inn, became involved with the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, and were the Chamber’s Small Business Persons of the Year in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Cecil served on the Chamber’s Board of Directors from 2006 to 2009, and on the Convention and Visitors Bureau Strategy and Steering Committee for thirteen years, three years as chair; and

**WHEREAS**, Cecil was the catalyst for the New Braunfels Community Foundation which serves as a way for people to create a perpetual fund that outlives them – those endowments having now granted more than \$12.5 million dollars from 140 funds to non-profit causes including senior services, education, and youth programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cecil has served as Chair of the Comal County Water District No. 1, worked with Young Life for fifteen years, was named by the Herald-Zeitung as an Unsung Hero in 2014 and a Pillar of the Community in 2019, received the Hall of Honor Award from the New Braunfels Chamber in 2022, and the New Braunfels Community Foundation’s philanthropy award and Abilene Christian University’s tennis facility are named for him.

**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 Cecil Eager 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:   
By:   
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk