

State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing the York Creek Cemetery as a Texas Historical Commission Historic Texas Cemetery

WHEREAS, the York Creek Cemetery, located at 7960 Old Bastrop Road, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas has been awarded an Official Texas Historical Marker designating it to be an Historic Texas Cemetery, and the site to be a significant part of Texas History; and

WHEREAS, the private cemetery was established on October 7, 1882 when Ernst Gruene, Jr. sold one acre of land to D. G. Posey, Frank Tate, and Charles Crawford, the first trustees, for the establishment of a cemetery, with an additional acre of adjacent land acquired from William Simon, Sr. twenty-two years later; and

WHEREAS, the cemetery served as a burial place for the many rural families and those of the small community of Hunter on York Creek, including many German families and those of other European descent that came to Texas from southeastern states; and

WHEREAS, families in the cemetery include Soechting, of which there are twenty-one, Posey, Galloway, Tate, Watson, Riley, Bading, Crawford, and Merz, and include Veterans from the Civil War through Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the York Creek Cemetery Association was officially formed in 1904, and continues to exist, with the cemetery receiving Historic Texas Cemetery designation in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the cemetery has had many caretakers, including I. D. Stocks, Henry Soechting, Kermit Simon, and currently James Skarovsky, whose parents are interred there; and

WHEREAS, in 1945 Miss Elizabeth Crawford left upon her death \$500 to build a fence, which included rock pillars, in 1959 a fund was set up for donations from related families, and in 1961 the York Creek Cemetery sign was placed above the entrance in memory of Albert Charles Soechting; and

WHEREAS, the sponsors of the marker are James and Lynn Skarovsky, on behalf of the York Creek Cemetery Association; and

WHEREAS, a marker dedication will be held Saturday, February 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the cemetery, located at 7960 Old Bastrop Road.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Commissioners Court of Comal County and the Comal County Historical Commission wish to commend James and Lynn Skarovsky on your work towards receiving this marker and your dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 15th day of February, 2024.

Sherman Krause, County Judge

Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2

Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest:

Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk