



# Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS     §  
COUNTY OF COMAL       §  
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS§

**WHEREAS**, Circle Arts Theatre was founded in New Braunfels in 1968 by Elizabeth Elliott, a registered nurse and single mother with two disabled children, who believed so strongly in the power of the arts that she quit her nursing job to form a quality community theatre; and

**WHEREAS**, Elizabeth's simple mission to entertain, educate and inspire our community through exceptional theatre arts has been accomplished by producing nearly 200 main stage productions in the theatre to date, appealing to audiences of all ages and theatrical tastes; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, at the request of the Wurstfest Association, Circle Arts Theatre began producing original melodrama productions, which have become a highlight and tradition for audiences during the annual "Salute to Sausage"; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978 theatre classes for young actors began (now called Klasses in Drama), which encourage self-discovery and build self-confidence through the discipline of theatre arts; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978 Roberta Elliott, Elizabeth's daughter, founded The Inner Circle, a repertory company for area teenagers that performs to elementary schools in Comal County and has taught moral lessons to over 120,000 children over the last four decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Circle Arts Theatre has given back to its community by granting over \$30,000 in scholarships to high school seniors and by raising over \$100,000 for other non-profit organizations in the New Braunfels area through benefit performances; and

**WHEREAS**, Circle Arts Theatre has grown from one production in an exhibit hall on the Comal County Fairgrounds to eight productions a year in a continuously renovated building in Landa Park, having invested over \$300,000 into the City-owned building with donations and grants, thereby providing audiences, actors, students, and crews an enjoyable theatre experience; and

**WHEREAS**, a celebration to be held on September 22, 2018, will commemorate 50 years of continuous operation as a non-profit regional theatre dedicated to the affirmation of life through the pursuit of excellence in theatre arts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL**, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, do hereby recognize the

## **50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CIRCLE ARTS THEATRE**

as an important and historical accomplishment and encourage citizens to continue to support the theatre arts for years to come.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2018.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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**BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor**