



# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, for over 25 years the National Coalition for the Homeless and National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness have sponsored National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is observed annually during the week preceding Thanksgiving to bring attention to the plight of individuals and families experiencing hunger and homelessness in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless including the shortage of housing options in New Braunfels that is affordable for very low income residents; and to encourage support for non-profit agencies and other community resources that provide guidance and support for youth, families, and adults who experience hunger or housing insecurity; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated minimum of 18,000 people annually experience food insecurity and over 3 million pounds of food are distributed to hungry individuals and families in our community annually; and

**WHEREAS**, a minimum of 600 will face the devastating challenges of homelessness this year, including lack of access to stable housing, healthcare, basic needs, and essential services, which profoundly impacts their health, wellbeing, life trajectory, and opportunities for a brighter future; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of those facing homelessness in our community has doubled in the last 3 years and continues to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, addressing hunger and homelessness aligns with the City of New Braunfels' commitment to upholding human dignity, promoting affordable housing initiatives, and ensuring access to essential resources for all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week serves as a call to action for our community to raise awareness, advocate for policies that prevent and reduce hunger and homelessness, and support programs that aid those in need.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, hereby proclaim November 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2024 as

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in New Braunfels, and I encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to recognize the challenges faced by individuals experiencing hunger and homelessness, to support efforts to end food insecurity and homelessness, and to create a future where everyone has access to safe, stable, and affordable housing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor