



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, in 2009 efforts by members from the Native Plant Society of Texas led to the Texas Legislature designating the 3rd full week of October as Texas Native Plant Week; and

WHEREAS, Texas native plants conserve water, provide habitats for birds, wildlife, pollinators, and help protect ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, The Native Plant Society of Texas, founded in 1981, has 35 chapters promoting the conservation, research and utilization of native plants and plant habitats through education, outreach, and example; and

WHEREAS, New Braunfels is fortunate to have two active chapters, the Lindheimer Chapter founded in 2000 currently with 100 primary members and the New Braunfels Chapter founded in 2019 currently with 145 primary members; and

WHEREAS, The Lindheimer Chapter offers three times a year the Native Landscape Certification Program, a series of classes that teach the best practices for native plant landscape and habitat preservation; and established a Native Seed Library at the Tye Preston Memorial Library; and offers seasonal Plant Propagation classes; and

WHEREAS, two New Braunfels Chapter gardens have been certified as Monarch Way Stations--the Landa Family Memorial Garden and the Butterfly Garden at Conservation Plaza plants and created a container garden for the Heritage Gardens Memory Care Unit at Eden Hill. The chapter partners with the Headwaters at the Comal to present native landscaping classes to the public; and

WHEREAS, native plants are beneficial, helping prevent erosion with deep root systems holding surrounding soil, providing a cooling effect lowering the temperature in your yard, are a great source of food and habitat, and provide oxygen.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, hereby proclaim October 20-26, 2024, as

TEXAS NATIVE PLANT WEEK

in New Braunfels, Texas, and I do thereby call upon our citizens to join in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 14th day of October 2024.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor