



# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, Alton Rahe has been writing, playing, and teaching the history and culture of New Braunfels and Comal County for decades; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton was a member of The Hi-Toppers, a local polka and dance band that started in high school in 1949 and who, by 1978, had performed at more than 150 dancehalls, recorded ten nationally recognized records, performed at twenty-five Wurstfests, and received the first ever-awarded Burgermeister Award in 1974 from New Braunfels Mayor Bill Brown for serving as ambassadors of goodwill and promoting German heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton graduated from New Braunfels High, received both a Bachelor of Arts in Education and later a master's degree in education from Texas State Teachers College, and in 1967 received a second master's degree in Statistics from Virginia Polytechnical Institute, now Virginia Tech; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton worked as a civilian mathematical statistician for the Air Force and co-authored numerous technical publications and taught evening classes at St. Mary's University, San Antonio College, and religion classes at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Alton was also a member of the American Legion Band, the 36th Infantry Division Band, the New Braunfels Brass Band, was a cantor and sang in the Men's Choir at Saints Peter and Paul from its inception in 2002 until 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, after his retirement in 1997, Alton served as a Comal County Historical Commission member for fifteen years, an officer for twelve years, and wrote at least sixteen narratives for historical markers that dot our county to remind us of our rich history; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014 he received the first Frederick Frueholz Preservation Award from the Comal County Historical Commission, and in 2015, he was named a Distinguished Unicorn Alumni by the NBISD Education Foundation; and

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**NOW THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, proclaim Alton Rahe, as a

**LIVING LEGEND OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

in New Braunfels, Texas, and I do thereby call upon our citizens to join the Braunfels Foundation Trust in honoring New Braunfels' Living Legends

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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**NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor**