



Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF COMAL §

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS §

WHEREAS, each year, America sets aside a day to remember a pioneer of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, during his lifelong struggle for justice and equality, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave voice to the quiet hopes of millions, offered a redemptive path for the oppressed and oppressors alike, and led a nation to the mountaintop by reminding us that “injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere;” and

WHEREAS, we have celebrated the great victories of the last half century, civil rights and voting rights laws; new opportunities in the classroom and the workforce; a more fair and free America, not only for African Americans, but for us all; and

WHEREAS, it is our task to build on the gains of the past generations, and we must advance another cause central to both Dr. King’s career and the civil rights movement; the dignity of good jobs, decent wages, and quality education; because America’s promise is not only the absence of oppression but also the presence of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King taught us that “an individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns of all humanity;” and

WHEREAS, in honor of his spirit, Americans shall come together for a day of service by volunteering our time and energy to build stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, proclaim January 21, 2019, as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

and I encourage all Americans to observe this day with appropriate civic, community, and service projects in honor of Dr. King.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this 14th day of January 2019.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

BARRON CASTEEL, MAYOR