

City of New Braunfels



Proclamation

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CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS §

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, leading to loss of muscle control; and

WHEREAS, ALS impacts thousands of individuals and families across the United States, including members of our own New Braunfels community, bringing significant physical, emotional, and financial challenges; and

WHEREAS, the month of May is recognized nationally as ALS Awareness Month, and June 2 is observed as Lou Gehrig Day, honoring the legacy of those affected by ALS and encouraging continued awareness, advocacy, and support; and

WHEREAS, Brian Martelon, a resident of New Braunfels, has faced ALS with extraordinary courage, resilience, and determination, serving as an inspiration to his family, friends, and the broader community through his strength and tenacity in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, Brian holds a deep appreciation for the City of New Braunfels, and he and his wife, Christina, a proud hometown native, chose to return to this community to raise their family, reflecting their strong ties and commitment to the place they call home; and

WHEREAS, together they are raising their young children, Gianna, age 5, and Vincent, age 2, who attend local schools and represent the next generation of the New Braunfels community; and

WHEREAS, Brian’s journey highlights both the challenges of ALS and the power of the human spirit, reminding us all of the importance of hope, dignity, and community connection.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, hereby proclaim May 26, 2026, as a day of

"ALS Awareness"

in New Braunfels, and I encourage all residents to learn more about ALS, support those affected, and join in efforts to advance research and care; and **BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the City of New Braunfels honors Brian Martelon for his remarkable strength, perseverance, and courage, and extends its deepest respect and support to him and his family.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 26th day of May 2026.

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NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor