



# Proclamation

**THE STATE OF TEXAS           §**

**COUNTY OF COMAL           §**

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS   §**

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth is a day traditionally set aside in Texas to commemorate the abolition of slavery; and

**WHEREAS**, Juneteenth traces its origins back to Galveston, Texas, where on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger arrived in the city with the news that the Civil War had ended and slaves were now free; and

**WHEREAS**, the day is celebrated in African-American communities as a time to remember the struggle for equal rights; and

**WHEREAS**, our country is at its best when everyone is treated fairly and has the chance to build the future they seek for themselves and their family; and

**WHEREAS**, together we can help our nation live up to its immense promise, so let us continue their journey toward a more just, more equal, and more perfect Union.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Barron Casteel, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, proclaim June 19, 2018 as

## **JUNETEENTH**

in New Braunfels, and I encourage everyone to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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**BARRON CASTEEL, MAYOR**