



# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, During the month of October, the City of New Braunfels joins other cities across the state to observe Texas Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month; in recognition of Texas steadfast commitment to combat the deadly fentanyl epidemic; and

**WHEREAS**, fentanyl is a powerful synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. Just 2 milligrams of fentanyl, equal to 10 – 15 grains of table salt, is considered a lethal dose. Just one pill kills; and

**WHEREAS**, fentanyl is the number one killer of Americans ages 18-45; five Texans die every day on average from fentanyl poisoning; and most victims are young people in the prime of their lives; and the death of a young person from a preventable cause is a tragedy; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2023, Governor Abbott signed four new laws in the state's fight against the deadly opioid; to prosecute fentanyl-caused deaths as murder and to require death certificates to reflect when people are fatally poisoned by fentanyl, to provide more life-saving naloxone to Texas colleges and universities, and to require public schools to provide research-based instruction on fentanyl misuse prevention and awareness to students grades 6 through 12; to protect over 5.4 million Texas public school students and help save countless lives.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, hereby proclaim the month of October as

## FENTANYL POISONING AWARENESS MONTH

in New Braunfels and encourage residents to participate in the Fentanyl Awareness Walk on Sunday, October 13, 2024 at the Greenline Trail hosted by Soles Walking 2 Souls beginning at 4:30. San Antonio & surrounding area agencies will be there to offer information on substance abuse prevention, harm reduction, and recovery. We also encourage you to request fentanyl awareness presentations in our schools.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

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NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor