



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, The Braunfels Foundation Trust, established with a \$1,500 donation from Braunfels, Germany, after the devastating 1972 flood, is a nonprofit organization providing technical and vocational scholarships to local students; and the Living Legends program honors individuals who have made significant and well-known contributions to our city and county through their ongoing achievements; and

WHEREAS, Wilfred Schlather was born in New Braunfels and grew up in the Bulverde-Spring Branch area where he attended Sherwood School, a rural first through tenth grade school until his parents moved to New Braunfels so he could finish high school; and Wilfred was elected senior class president at New Braunfels High, was involved in the Science Club, the National Honor Society, and his high school chapter of the Future Farmers of America; Wilfred also enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard and continued his military service until his retirement in 1999; and

WHEREAS, Wilfred attended Southwest Texas State where he met his future wife, Marlena and graduated in 1963 with a Bachelors of Arts degree with a major in Physics and a minor in Mathematics; and he began teaching math and later physics at New Braunfels High School later introducing a computer science program that became of part of the school’s curriculum; and after official retirement from teaching in 1995, served an additional eight more years as the District’s certified Apple Computer Technology Specialist; and during this thirty plus year of teaching was recognized by the NBISD as “Teacher of the Year” and by the Texas Computer Educators Association as Computer Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Wilfred, and Marlena were appointed to the Comal County Historical Commission where Wilfred served as Cemetery Chair initiating a cemetery project that developed a database of all known and unknown county cemeteries complete with GIS coordinates; Wilfred also led efforts to map and document gravesites at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and Panteon Hidalgo cemeteries which encouraged recognition and preservation in the underserved area of Hispanic heritage; and

WHEREAS, Wilfred and Marlena have volunteered every Thursday at the Sophienburg Museum and Archives since 2003 and it was here that Wilfred found the inspiration to write a book, *The War Between the States – Participants from Comal County*; and

WHEREAS, Wilfred has received the NBISD Education Foundation’s Distinguished Alumni Award and the NBISD’s prestigious Silver Unicorn while along with Marlena were recipients of the Comal County Historical Commission’s Frederick Freuholz, Junior Preservation Award and the Genealogy Society’s Volunteer of the Year Award;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, hereby proclaim Michael Meek, as a

"Living Legend of New Braunfels"

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 22nd day of September 2025.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor