



# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, the Comal Cemetery, located at 301 Peace Ave, New Braunfels, Comal County, Texas has been awarded an Official Texas Historical Marker designating it to be an Historic Texas Cemetery, and the site to be a significant part of Texas History; and

**WHEREAS**, when the New Braunfels cemetery, established in 1845, soon neared capacity, a new burial ground was needed and in March 1868, John F. Torrey had a promissory note drawn up for 8 acres and \$500 for the establishment of a cemetery on the bluff of the Guadalupe River, stipulating that it be fenced, that a proper hearse be obtained for funerals, and that a small plot be reserved for himself and friends; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Legislature incorporated the Comal Cemetery Association in August, 1870, and Torrey released the deed for one dollar; and

**WHEREAS**, the first known burial was for Frederick (Fritz) Hartwig on August 12, 1873; however earlier burials were documented as being on the “bluff overlooking the river” in the 1850s; and

**WHEREAS**, at John Torrey’s request, the City of New Braunfels has administered the cemetery since January, 1887, and after he died and was buried in San Antonio, his family relinquished the deed to the reserved family plot; and

**WHEREAS**, later acquisitions enlarged the cemetery to about 25 acres, and it contains more than 12,550 burials, reflecting the community heritage of New Braunfels; and

**WHEREAS**, the cemetery contains a variety of mature trees, Victorian era iron plot fences, concrete curbing, a wide variety of cemetery markers including early hand carved marble and limestone tablet markers, obelisks, statuary, metal crosses and handmade markers; and

**WHEREAS**, the sponsor of the marker is the City of New Braunfels, Parks and Recreation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, a marker dedication will be held Thursday, May 16 at 5:30pm, at the cemetery located on Peace Ave.

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

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in the City of New Braunfels and I urge all citizens to commend the Parks and Recreation Department on their work towards receiving this marker and their dedication to historical preservation and recording the history of the City of New Braunfels.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

**NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor**