



# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, Texas Legislature in 2009 designated the third full week of October as Texas Native Plant Week due to efforts from members of the Native Plant Society of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, Texas native plants conserve water, provide habitats for birds, wildlife, pollinators, and help protect ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, the Native Plant Society of Texas, founded in 1981, has 38 chapters promoting the conservation, research and utilization of native plants and plant habitats through education, outreach and example; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Braunfels Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas was established in 2019, currently with 165 primary members; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Braunfels Chapter collaborated on the establishment of a native plant garden at the Westside Library, initiated a propagation project for native aquatic and riparian plants in the Comal River at Snake Island to enhance wildlife habitat, and continues to provide ongoing maintenance to community gardens located at Landa Family Memorial Garden, the German Pioneer Memorial, Conservation Plaza and Eden Hill Memory Care container garden; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Braunfels Chapter has initiated three Native Plants in Schools projects to increase awareness of native plants and their environmental benefits among students of different ages:

- Landscaping a native plant garden by the New Braunfels Youth Center's Mill Street Gym
- Creating a prairie landscape to help an erosion problem at Memorial Elementary
- Facilitating an Art Exhibition competition with 4th graders at Memorial Elementary and Lamar Elementary

**WHEREAS**, native plants offer significant benefits, including the prevention of erosion through their deep root systems that stabilize soil, the reduction of ambient temperature by providing a cooling effect, as well as serving as a valuable source of food and habitat, and contributing to oxygen production.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, proclaim October 19-25, 2025 as

**"Texas Native Plant Week"**

in New Braunfels, and I do thereby call upon our citizens to join in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

**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 October 2025.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

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NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor