



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, it is estimated that roughly one in six children in the United States between the ages of three and seventeen have one or more developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, New Braunfels residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities are valued members of the community as employees, volunteers, entrepreneurs, leaders, loving family members, friends, and positive role models; and

WHEREAS, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month has been recognized annually in March since its first official designation in 1987, and this year we will celebrate the 34th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which prohibited discrimination against all Americans with disabilities and codified the protection of the civil rights; and

WHEREAS, As we celebrate the countless contributions of individuals from New Braunfels with developmental disabilities, we recognize that there is more work that needs to be done to ensure that ALL are treated equitably and with dignity, and we reaffirm our commitment to realizing the full promise of hope, freedom, and equality envisioned by the ADA and the laws of our city, state, and nation; and

WHEREAS, this month the city of New Braunfels joins individuals with developmental disabilities, their advocates, and dedicated organizations in working to ensure that individuals with developmental disabilities and their families can access resources and opportunities to achieve a life of fulfillment.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, proclaim March 2024, as

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in the City of New Braunfels, and I urge all citizens to raise public awareness and understanding of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 25th day of March 2024.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor