



# Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS                   §

COUNTY OF COMAL                   §

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS           §

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health and MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership created National Mentoring Month; and

**WHEREAS**, every day quality mentoring programs in New Braunfels connect thousands of mentors to our young people and cultivate relationships that provide crucial support and guidance as these young adults grow and develop into our next generation; and

**WHEREAS**, mentors can play a powerful role in providing young people with the tools to make responsible decisions, stay focused and engaged in schools, and reduce or avoid risky behavior like skipping school, drug use, and other negative activities; and

**WHEREAS**, in a recent report of “The Mentoring Effect”, young people who were at-risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor were 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college, 81 percent more likely to participate regularly in sports or extracurricular activities, 78 percent were more likely to volunteer in their communities and more than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team; and

**WHEREAS**, many of us are fortunate to have one or more mentors throughout our lives, and we carry their wisdom with us as a constant reminder of the unique and timeless gift of mentorship; and

**WHEREAS**, mentoring programs and supporters have leveraged National Mentoring Month as an opportunity to not only raise awareness but to get their communities engaged in this effort to provide critical support to our young people and it's only with this level of commitment and involvement that we can ensure every young person has the supportive relationships they need to grow and develop into thriving, productive and engaged adults.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL**, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2018 as

## **“NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH”**

and call upon public officials, business and community leaders, and educators, and encourage our constituents to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed on this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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**BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor**