



Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

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CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS §

WHEREAS, Mike Dietert, Jackie Heitkamp, and Tobin Hoffmann have been named Living Legends of New Braunfels by the Braunfels Foundation Trust; and

WHEREAS, Mike Dietert was born in Comal County and grew up on the family farm. He graduated from Canyon High School, attended Texas A&M University, and graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a degree in Industrial Arts. Mike married his high school sweetheart Linda Pfannstiel in 1969, and they are proud parents to Brandon Dietert and Allison Humphries. Mike has a passion for the history and culture of New Braunfels and has restored the Pfannstiel family's 1852 home in Comaltown, his great grandfather's 1860s farmhouse, and several other old homes. A founding member and two-time president of the Heritage Society, he helped kick-start the Conservation Society, serving as president for three terms. Mike is currently on the Finance/Building Committee and the Verein membership group for the Sophienburg Museum. Mike was a member of the City of New Braunfels Planning and Zoning Commission for many years and continues to serve on the City's Partnership Committee. A forty-year Life Member of the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce and a Blue Coat, Mike served as chair and vice-chair of numerous committees over the years and as Chair of the Board. Mike has been a member of the Wurstfest Association since 1971, serving as President in 1992. He is a forty-plus-year member of the New Braunfels Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served on the boards of the Hummel Museum, Chase Bank, Citizens Bank, the New Braunfels ISD Education Foundation, the McKenna Hospital Advisory Board and as the Major Gifts Chair for the Comal Healthcare Foundation supporting McKenna Hospital in 1997. The New Braunfels Jaycees named Mike their "Outstanding New Braunfelser" in 1988. In 1986, the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce recognized Mike with the President's Award for Historic Preservation, and the Comal Independent School District named him one of their "Outstanding Alumni" in 2010. Mike is probably best known for his 53-year employment with the New Braunfels Smokehouse. As a high school bus boy, a college student, and ultimately Vice President and General Manager, Mike has participated in the growth and prosperity of the New Braunfels Smokehouse.

WHEREAS, Jackie Heitkamp was born in Iowa, Louisiana, and attended McNeese State University, earning a B.A. in Speech and English. Jackie taught English at Lake Charles High School until marrying Lieutenant Dennis Heitkamp and beginning their twenty-seven-year Air Force career. After retiring from the Air Force in 1984, the Heitkamps moved to New Braunfels and Jackie jumped in with both feet to begin her career of service. She volunteered for many years at Weihnachtsmarkt and for the Conservation Society as Board Secretary, Historian, and a Lindheimer House docent. She is a charter member of the Heritage Society and has served more than 30 years, including 13 years as Board Secretary and 25 years as Board Historian. Jackie has been a docent for more than 30 years, a docent trainer for 20 years, and

has been recognized five times as Docent Chair of the Year and Docent Trainer of the Year. She also served as Chair of the Folkfest Antiques and Collectibles and as Conservator at the Museum of Texas Handmade Furniture. Jackie and Dennis chaired both the New Braunfels Sesquicentennial Heritage Exhibit and Folkfest and were recognized with the Heritage Society's Outstanding Service Award in 2017. Jackie is a Senior Blue Coat in the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, further recognized with placement in the Chamber of Commerce's Hall of Honor in 2000. As a member of the Braunfels Foundation Trust Jackie has worked on the Arrangements Committee for the Trust's Living Legends celebration from its inaugural event through 2017. She is a thirty-one-year associate member of the Ferdinand Lindheimer Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and a member of the New Braunfels Garden Club, serving in all leadership positions at least once. She has been with the Friends of the Library for the past thirty years. As a Lions Club State Certified Vision screener, Jackie continues to provide vision screenings for an average of 5000 NBISD and CISD elementary school children at 24 campuses each year. In addition to raising two children, Mark and Denise, Jackie assisted her husband in countless ways during their Air Force career. As an officer's wife she was instrumental in helping new wives adjust to the demands of service life in remote duty stations.

WHEREAS, Tobin Hoffmann has deep hometown roots, with German ancestry in New Braunfels from the 1840s. For years, the Hoffmann family has decorated the Plaza for the annual July 4th celebration, with Tobin's Boy Scout Troop 133 carrying the large United States flag in the parade. Tobin and his wife, Judy, and their three children, Catherine, Caleb, and Canaan, did the planting, watering, and care of the four island flowerbeds that circled the Plaza until the City took over. Tobin is a Rotarian with a 34-year perfect attendance record, a Paul Harris Fellow, and the 2007-2008 Rotarian of the Year. In addition to his career as a certified financial planner, Tobin is a member of and past Chair for the Board of the Greater New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, was inducted into the Chamber's Hall of Honor and recognized with the Chamber's President's Award. He is a member of the Braunfels Foundation Trust, the Wurstfest Association (serving on the Scholarship Committee) and the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters. Tobin has served on the Board of Directors of the Sophienburg Museum and Archives and participated in the restoration of the Emmie Seele Faust Library. He served as a member of the City's Bond Advisory Committee and the Downtown Advisory Board. Tobin was also selected as the United Way's 2018 Volunteer of the Year, the NBISD Education Foundation's Distinguished Alumni award, and the NBISD's Silver Unicorn award. His volunteer work was recognized by Ameritas with their Rosen Award. Tobin also leads and trains young men to be good citizens and leaders through Boy Scouts. As a Boy Scout in Troop 133, Tobin earned his Eagle Scout in 1975. Then, after graduating from Texas State in 1981, he returned to New Braunfels and has helped hundreds of boys earn their Eagle Scout Award, benefitting our community greatly from their many finished projects. In 2007, the Boys Scouts of America bestowed on Tobin their highest volunteer honor, the Silver Beaver.

WHEREAS, the Braunfels Foundation Trust will honor these Living Legends at their festive event at the New Braunfels McKenna Events Center on October 1, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, do hereby proclaim Mike Dietert, Jackie Heitkamp, and Tobin Hoffmann as

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and urge all 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 24th day of September 2018.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

BY: _____
BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor