



Proclamation

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CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS §

WHEREAS, municipal courts play a significant role in preserving public safety and promoting quality of life in Texas; and

WHEREAS, more people come in contact with municipal courts than all other Texas courts combined, and public impression of the Texas judicial system is largely dependent upon the public's experience in municipal court; and

WHEREAS, the New Braunfels Municipal Court has operated since 1974 and the City of New Braunfels appoints a municipal judge for a term of office; and

WHEREAS, the New Braunfels Municipal Court serves as a state court and its judges are members of the state judiciary, with procedures set forth in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and other laws of the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels is committed to the notion that our legal system is based on the principle that an independent, fair, and competent judiciary will interpret and apply the laws that govern us and that judges and court personnel should comply with the law and act in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary; and

WHEREAS, New Braunfels Municipal Court Judges are not policy makers for the City of New Braunfels, but are bound by the law and the Canons of Judicial Conduct and are required to make decisions independent of the governing body of the City Council, City officials, and employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas contain procedural safeguards in criminal cases for all defendants, including indigent defendants, and supports the New Braunfels Municipal Court in complying with such legal requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, do hereby proclaim the week of November 5 through November 9, 2018, as

MUNICIPAL COURTS WEEK

and further call upon all residents of New Braunfels to join with the City Council in recognizing the exemplary dedication and vital service performed by the New Braunfels municipal judges and court personnel.

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 22nd day of October 2018.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor