



Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF COMAL §

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS §

WHEREAS, public libraries have historically served as our nation’s great equalizers of knowledge by providing free access to all and are a cornerstone for our democratic society; enabling individuals to make informed decisions about their self-governance; and

WHEREAS, in a world undergoing constant change, public libraries provide enduring connections to the past and future of our communities, nations and civilizations; and

WHEREAS, the ability to read and process information in a variety of formats is a basic survival skill in our global information society; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer storytimes and summer reading programs to encourage children to begin a habit of reading that will serve to benefit their personal and professional lives; and

WHEREAS, public libraries support a competitive workforce with basic literacy programs, computers and other resources to help children and adults learn to find, evaluate and use information they need for their jobs, health, education and other needs; and

WHEREAS, public libraries and professional librarians work to meet the changing needs of their users, including building collections, expanding outreach services and increasing programming; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels Public Library serves 60,000 library card holders seven days a week throughout the year, both in person and virtually, through the main facility, the Westside Community Center branch and the mobile outreach unit – the RIOmobile.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Barron Casteel, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, proclaim the month of February 2019 as

LOVE MY LIBRARY MONTH

and I urge everyone to visit our public library and discover the wealth of resources waiting for them in our unique and wonderful institution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this 28th day of January 2019.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor