



# Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §

COUNTY OF COMAL           §

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS   §

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Braunfels has great admiration and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served their country and this community in the United States Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in present use and was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by George Washington in 1782; and

**WHEREAS**, the Purple Heart was the first American service award or decoration made available to the common soldier and is specifically awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or paid the ultimate sacrifice in combat with a declared enemy of the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women from New Braunfels who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and the way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, many men and women in uniform have given their lives while serving in the Armed Forces.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL**, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, wish to proclaim the 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 as the day our city is designated a

## PURPLE HEART CITY

and to remember and recognize local veterans who are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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**BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor**