



Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF COMAL §
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS §

WHEREAS, this year marks the 30th anniversary of treatment courts, the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

WHEREAS, there are now more than 3,000 treatment courts nationwide, with 3 located in Comal County: The Challenge Court, a felony drug court led by the Honorable Dib Waldrip, with 81 graduates; The Accountability Court, a DWI 2nd court led by the Honorable Randy Gray with 127 graduates, and The Veterans Treatment Court for Justice Involved Veterans led by the Honorable Charles A. Stephens II with 23 graduates; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts have served 1.5 million individuals and are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals, and save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2019 as

DRUG COURT MONTH

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 13th day of May 2019.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor