



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, January 2021 will mark the 19th anniversary of National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to focus attention on the need for mentors, as well as how each of us can work together to increase the number of mentors and help ensure positive outcomes for our young people.

WHEREAS, New Braunfels, Texas, honors these volunteer mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them thrive; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs like Communities in Schools of South Texas Mentoring Program make our communities and our state stronger by driving impactful relationships that increase social capital for young people and providing invaluable support networks; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, mentoring programs have been filling gaps for young people and families, connecting them with resources, ensuring that mentoring relationships continue virtually, and ensuring that physical distancing does not mean social disconnection; and

WHEREAS, mentoring plays many roles in career exploration, workplace skills, healthy relationships, communication, positive self-esteem, emotional well-being, and growth, and almost half of today's young adults report having had a mentor in their youth with those rates rising steadily; and

WHEREAS, students who meet regularly with their mentor are 52% less likely to skip a day of school, 46% less likely to start using drugs, 27% less likely to start drinking than their peers, and 55% more likely to be enrolled in college than those who did not have a mentor; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is the time of year to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring across our state and to recruit caring adult mentors in New Braunfels, Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSTY BROCKMAN, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, do hereby proclaim the month of January 2021 as

MENTORING MONTH

and recognize Communities in Schools of South Central Texas for their continued support, and call upon our citizens, public officials, educators, and business and community leaders to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

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 25th day of January 2021.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

RUSTY BROCKMAN, Mayor