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**Flags to Fly at Half Staff in Honor of Traffic Accident Victims**

**New Braunfels, TX** – By order of the Governor of the State of Texas, the U.S. flag may be flown at half staff as a mark of respect to the memory of the thirteen victims who perished in the March 29, 2017 traffic accident in Uvalde County while on a First Baptist Church of New Braunfels retreat. The flags will remain at half staff until sundown on Sunday, April 2, 2017.

“The City of New Braunfels respectfully requested this tribute from the office of the Governor and it was granted,” said Mayor Barron Casteel. “The City Council and staff of City of New Braunfels offer their deepest condolences to the families and friends of the members of First Baptist Church who were lost and injured in the tragic traffic accident of March 29<sup>th</sup>. Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with the entire church family. May you all be comforted by the outpouring of love from our community surrounding you during this difficult time.”

In response to the request, Governor Abbott and his office also extend their sincere condolences on the loss sustained by the community. He state that they were saddened by the loss of life and that their hearts go out to all those affected.

Flags at City of New Braunfels facilities are being lowered in observation of this honor, and citizens are also encouraged to also fly their flags at half staff in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the accident.

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