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City Names Employees of the Year

New Braunfels, TX – The City of New Braunfels named nineteen individuals Employee of the Year for their department or division at a banquet held earlier in March at the New Braunfels Civic/Convention Center. Nominated by their peers, the following staff members were honored:

Administration - Rebecca Pence

Airport - Richard Scott Weber

Capital Programs - Joshua Niles

Finance - Ana Chavez

Fire Department - Michelle Lopez

Library - Martha Kelly

Municipal Court - Larry Hildebrand

Parks and Recreation: Administration and Civic Center - Kelsey Heiden

Parks and Recreation: Golf - Chad Donegan & Jason Wiedeman

Parks and Recreation: Operations and Rangers - Theo Hernandez

Parks and Recreation: Recreation - Jarek Zepeda

Planning and Community Development - Allison Scheffel

Police Department: Administration, Dispatch and Records - Rosa Lopez

Police Department: Sworn Staff - Richard Groff

Public Works: Engineering, Administration and Watershed Management - Debbie McPheeters

Public Works: Facilities - Alfonso Hernandez

Public Works: Solid Waste and Service Center - Jose "Joe" Castillo

Public Works: Streets, Drainage and Traffic - Christy Tiemann

Also recognized during the event were 56 employees who hit milestone employment anniversaries in the past year, logging over 570 years of cumulative public service between them.

"This evening was a recognition and celebration of our almost 580 employees who work in our community every day providing essential services, some of which go unseen by the public," said Assistant City Manager Kristi Aday. "The City Manager and I are so proud to lead this group of dedicated public

servants, and enjoy the opportunity to recognize and thank them for the work they do to make our community great.”

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Photo of the Employees of the Year attached.

Caption: Front Row L-R: Debbie McPheeters, Kelsey Heiden, Michelle Lopez, Martha Kelly, Christy Tiemann, Becca Pence, Rosa Lopez

Middle Row L-R: Josh Niles, Ana Chavez, Jose “Joe” Castillo, Theo Hernandez, Allison Scheffel

Back Row L-R: Chad Donegan, Alfonso Hernandez, Richard Groff, Larry Hildebrand

Not shown: Scott Weber, Jason Wiedeman, Jarek Zepeda