



Schertz-Cibolo Cemetery Dedication **Texas Historical Marker November 18, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Texas Historical Commission and the City of Schertz are recognizing the Schertz-Cibolo Cemetery with the dedication of a Texas Historical Marker on November, 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this burial ground came into existence around 1905, and served as the burial ground for the first Mexican farmworkers to this part of Texas, and

WHEREAS, the initial German family of Ferdinand Michael Dietz and Elizabeth Stapper Dietz who established their farmstead and bestowed a portion of their farm where the farmworkers could bury their families; an act which is still recognized and appreciated today; and

WHEREAS, these families who migrated from Rosales, Coahuila, Mexico and found work in planting and harvesting corn, milo maize, sugarcane and ultimately cotton; and

WHEREAS, this Mexican and German immigration paved the way for the small farming communities of Cibolo and Schertz to what is now a flourishing population of more than 100,000 people in the Cibolo Valley,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph Gutierrez, as Mayor of the City of Schertz, Texas and on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim November, 18, 2023 as

Schertz-Cibolo Cemetery Day

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Schertz to be affixed this 14th day of November 2023.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor