WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders encompass a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, and speech and nonverbal communication; and

WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorders affect at least one in sixty-eight children and an unknown number of adults in the United States regardless of gender, race, ethnicity or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, early, accurate diagnosis and appropriate education, intervention and therapy are vital to the well-being of those with autism spectrum disorders; and

WHEREAS, persons with an autism spectrum disorder should have access to the care, services and opportunities they need to be happy and achieve their greatest potential; and

WHEREAS, Comal County is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to more research and better understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Comal County Commissioners Court does hereby recognize April 2018 as Autism Awareness Month to raise public acceptance and understanding of autism spectrum disorder, as well as to increase knowledge of the efforts that have been and are being made to support individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that April 2, 2018, is recognized as Autism Awareness Day in Comal County with the bell tower lights tinted blue for the weekend of April 2 to raise autism awareness.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 5th day of April, 2018.

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Sherman Krause, County Judge

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Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

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Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2

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Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

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Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: _____________________________
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk