

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing April 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Comal County

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every resident of Comal County; and

WHEREAS, statistics indicate that one in five women will have experienced sexual assault by the time they complete college; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of the Crisis Center of Comal County and other prevention-related programs in this county encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small, and speak up when they hear others making light of sexual violence, stereotypes or gender biases; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in our county through prevention education, increased awareness and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, we strongly support the efforts of national, state and local partners, and of every resident, to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Comal County Commissioners Court duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, proclaim the month of April 2018 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Comal County, and urge residents to join the Crisis Center of Comal County, anti-sexual-violence advocates and support-services programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence.

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

Sherman Krause, County Judge

Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2

Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4

Attest: _____
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk

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