

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2016 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH IN COMAL COUNTY

WHEREAS, In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Month was observed, and in 1989, Congress designated each October as National Domestic Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors such as physical, psychological, sexual and economic abuse, including social isolation and stalking, that individuals use to maintain power and control over their intimate partners; and

WHEREAS, The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's dignity, safety and basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is the single largest cause of injury and homicide for women; and

WHEREAS, Children who are exposed to domestic violence experience feelings of terror, isolation, guilt, helplessness and grief, and have a higher risk of substance abuse, engaging in criminal behavior and becoming victims of crime; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence crosses all ethnic, racial, sexual preference, economic, age, educational and religious lines; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Crisis Center of Comal County provided 4,952 nights of shelter to 670 victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent on every resident to aid and assist those suffering from domestic abuse and let victims know that support is available; and


WHEREAS, The Crisis Center of Comal County, Comal County Sheriff's Department, the judicial system and the medical community throughout Comal County are working together to develop solutions to this serious social problem and implement effective services that will improve our responses and put an end to domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Comal County Commissioners Court, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, proclaims the month of October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Comal County and authorizes the tower lights on the Historic Comal County Courthouse to be tinted purple in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 29th day of September, 2016.


Sherman Krause, County Judge

Absent
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

