

State of Texas \*

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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing September 14, 2017 as Comfort Case Day in Comal County

WHEREAS, there were 382 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Comal County in 2016; and

WHEREAS, there were 168 children removed from their homes in Comal County by the Texas Department of Family & Protective Services with the assistance of local law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and attending to the emotional and mental health needs of child abuse victims is a critical aspect to all child abuse investigations; and

WHEREAS, respecting the privacy and dignity of child abuse victims during removals is important to the well-being and safety of the children; and

WHEREAS, every child has the right to a more humane experience in foster care, and that starts by providing them with a case to pack their belongings in instead of a trash bag; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of organizations like Comfort Cases provide law enforcement agencies with new luggage cases for use during removals and provide for a more dignified private removal and relocation; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and intervention efforts and support the work of local law enforcement and community agencies; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of local law enforcement agencies such as the Comal County Sheriff's Office, the Comal County District Attorney's Office, the New Braunfels Police Department, the Garden Ridge Police Department, the Bulverde Police Department, the Schertz Police Department; and state agencies like the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in responding to incidents of child abuse and neglect are vital to alleviating the suffering of children in need.

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, does hereby recognize September 14, 2017 as Comfort Case Day in Comal County and encourages all citizens to be aware of child abuse prevention and intervention efforts.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

  
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 Koepf, County Clerk

