



State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing April 2017 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 impacts every community member of Comal County; and

WHEREAS, statistics indicate that one in five women and one in twenty men in Texas have experienced sexual assault, and about 90 percent of sexual assault victims know the person who assaulted them; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Crisis Center of Comal County provided support services for more than 100 victims of sexual abuse, including child victims; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, to support survivors, and to speak out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of sexual assault prevention programs at the Crisis Center of Comal County encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small; and

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

WHEREAS, we recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who respond to provide services to survivors, such as the Crisis Center of Comal County, the Comal County Sheriff's Office, New Braunfels Police Department and our emergency medical workers; and

WHEREAS, it is important that sexual assault be recognized as a problem and it is vital to understand that alerting the public about this issue can help empower victims and their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, we encourage 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 Commissioners Court of Comal County, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 6th day of April, 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

