

Proclamation
Respecting May 2018 as
Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Coastal County

WHEREAS, people who are elderly or have disabilities have continued to be the poorest of the poor in terms of income, health care, nutrition, education and housing of our county from decade to decade; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a high and rising number of our elderly and their families and caregivers who are being abused;

WHEREAS, those of the elderly and people with disabilities are especially vulnerable to a wide range of abuse, including financial abuse, neglect, isolation, physical, sexual, and verbal abuse, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, abuse against our 65+ citizens takes an enormous toll on society and the economy;

WHEREAS, there is a growing understanding across the state and across the country that it is important to address the needs of our elderly and people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this State recognizes the importance of all citizens being able to live in safety and dignity and to be free from abuse and neglect in their homes, in care facilities, and in the community; and

WHEREAS, many of the issues addressed by Adult Protective Services in Santa Fe County are unique to our community;

THE PEOPLE OF COASTAL COUNTY DO HEREBY PROCLAIM that the Coastal County Commissioners Court, this year and every year thereafter on the preceding first of May in Coastal County, have hereby designated this month as Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Coastal County, and request citizens to mark together to help 2018 in Santa Fe County become a month of awareness and action.



State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

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WHEREAS, people who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of Comal County by helping to preserve the customs, convictions and traditions of many people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, these residents are vital and integral members of our society, and their wisdom and experience have enriched our lives; and

WHEREAS, abuse of the elderly and people with disabilities in domestic and institutional settings is a widespread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, abuse affected more than 114,305 Texans who are elderly or have disabilities in 2017; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is grossly underreported because the elderly who are being abused find it difficult to tell anyone, and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse happens to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way, in poor neighborhoods and in suburbia; and

WHEREAS, many of the cases investigated by Adult Protective Services in Texas involve self-neglect, and it is our duty as residents to reach out to people 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 May 2018 as Elder Abuse Prevention Month in Comal County, and urges all residents to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 3rd day of May, 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

