



State of Texas \*

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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 2018 AS TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH IN COMAL COUNTY

WHEREAS, nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year; and

WHEREAS, victimization increases teens' risk for injury, substance abuse, eating disorders, unwanted pregnancy and suicide; and

WHEREAS, one in three adolescents in the United States is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence; and

WHEREAS, violent behavior typically begins between the ages of 12 and 18, and the severity of intimate-partner violence is often greater in cases where the pattern of abuse was established in adolescence; and

WHEREAS, only 33 percent of teens who are in an abusive relationship ever tell anyone about the abuse, and 81 percent of parents surveyed either believe teen-dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is one; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to raise community awareness and provide training for teachers, counselors and school staff so they can recognize when youth exhibit signs of dating 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, does recognize February 2018 as Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in Comal County, and urge residents to join the Crisis Center of Comal County in promoting healthy teen relationships, calling on youth and adults to observe Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month with activities and conversations about respectful and non-violent relationships in their homes, schools and communities.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 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

