

State of Texas \*  
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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing May 2019 as Drug Court Month in Comal County

WHEREAS, this year marks the 30th anniversary of treatment courts, with more than 3,000 treatment courts now established nationwide; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation, having served 1.5 million people; and

WHEREAS, they are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve treatment outcomes for substance use disorder, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy, saving the court system an average of \$6,000 for every person they serve; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug-free; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together professionals in public safety and public health; and

WHEREAS, Comal County has three treatment courts: a felony drug Challenge Court overseen by the Honorable Dib Waldrip with more than 80 graduates, a second-offense DWI Accountability Court overseen by the Honorable Randy Gray with more than 125 graduates, and a Veterans Treatment Court overseen by the Honorable Charles Stephens with more than 20 graduates; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

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, hereby proclaims May 2019 as Drug Court Month in Comal County, and commends the dedication and hard work of the judges and court staff who have made treatment courts so successful in our county.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2019.

  
Sherman Krause, County Judge

  
Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

  
Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2

  
Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

  
Jen Crossover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest:

  
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk