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**WHEREAS**, the National Organization for Texas Disabled (NOTD) is organizing a statewide  
observers of Texas Children Day on February 25, 2015.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Council County Commission do hereby  
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State of Texas \*  
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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing Rare Disease Day in Comal County

WHEREAS, nearly 7,000 diseases and conditions are considered rare (each affecting fewer than 200,000 people) in the United States, according to the National Institutes of Health (NIH); and

WHEREAS, while they may affect small numbers of people individually, rare diseases as a group affect almost 30 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, many rare diseases are serious and debilitating conditions that have a significant impact on the lives of those affected; and

WHEREAS, although more than 450 drugs and biologics have been approved for the treatment of rare diseases, according to the Food and Drug Administration, millions of Americans still have rare diseases for which there is no approved treatment; and

WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by rare diseases often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and lack of access to treatment or ancillary services; and

WHEREAS, while the public is familiar with some rare diseases, many patients and families affected by less widely known rare diseases bear a large share of the burden of funding research and raising public awareness to support the search for treatments; and

WHEREAS, residents of Comal County are among those affected by rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) is organizing a nationwide observance of Rare Disease Day on February 28, 2019.

**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, proclaims February 28, 2019, as Rare Disease Day in Comal County, and calls upon all residents of Comal County to unite on this day in a showing of support for those affected by rare diseases.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
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

