

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing March 25-29 as Hereditary Colon Cancer Awareness Week in Comal County

WHEREAS, colon cancer can occur from numerous inherited conditions, and roughly one in 200 people are born with a hereditary colon cancer syndrome; and

WHEREAS, 10 percent of all colon cancer cases, or nearly 14,000 cases in 2017, were because of a hereditary colon cancer syndrome; and

WHEREAS, 10 percent of all colon-cancer-related deaths, or nearly 5,000 deaths in 2017, were because of a hereditary colon cancer syndrome; and

WHEREAS, hereditary colon cancer syndromes affect people at early ages, often before colorectal screening for the general population begins at age 50; and

WHEREAS, hereditary colon cancer syndromes place families at increased risk of many other cancers, including in the case of Lynch Syndrome cancer of the brain, skin, uterus, ovaries and prostate; and

WHEREAS, risk-reducing prophylactic surgeries, such as the total removal of the colon, are often required to, as in the case of familial adenomatous polyposis, reduce a 100 percent risk of colon cancer to zero; and

WHEREAS, timely diagnosis followed by the development of a quality care plan, including proper screening and treatment, by an expert care team improves the likelihood of a long life and increases the quality of life of affected patients; and

WHEREAS, medical professionals receive little training in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary colon cancer syndromes; and

WHEREAS, in memory of the many men and women who have lost their lives or are fighting for their lives, it behooves us to promote awareness of these diseases and increase the chances of saving lives.

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 March 25-29, 2019, as National Hereditary Colon Cancer Week in Comal County, and calls upon all residents of Comal County to unite during this week in a showing of support.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 21st day of March, 2019.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jen Crowover Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest: 
Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk