

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Designating October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Comal County

WHEREAS, the first Domestic Violence Month was observed in October 1987, the same year that saw the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 Congress designated October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, in just one day across the United States and its territories, nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters, but more than 9,000 requests for services- including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation - could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals and society as a whole, throughout Comal County, the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence crosses all ethnic, racial, sexual preference, economic, age, educational, and religious lines; and

WHEREAS, safe houses continue to be rated as survivors' most urgent need; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects millions of people each year, but it can be prevented, requiring the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions and systems - each whose "#1-thing" adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities; and

WHEREAS, Comal County is dedicated to remembering the survivors of domestic violence, the Courthouse tower will be illuminated with purple lights the week of October 5 to October 9.

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 the month of October 2020 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Comal County.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 1st day of October, 2020.

Absent

Sherman Krause, County Judge

Donna Eccleston

Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

Scott Haag

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2

Kevin Webb

Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

Jen Crowover

Jen Crowover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest:

Bobbie Koepf

Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk