

State of Texas *
County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing May 2021 as Drug Court Month in Comal County

WHEREAS, treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; and

WHEREAS, there are now nearly 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts have served 1.5 million individuals; and

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

WHEREAS, they save an average of \$6,000 for every individual they serve; and

WHEREAS, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; 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 public safety and public health professionals; and

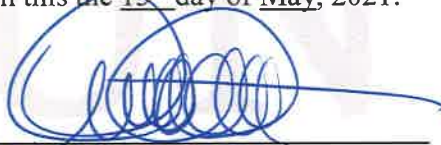
WHEREAS, Comal County has three treatment courts: a felony drug Challenge Court overseen by the Honorable Dib Waldrip with 120 graduates; a second-offense DWI Accountability Court overseen by the Honorable Randy Gray with 182 graduates; and a Veterans Treatment Court overseen by the Honorable Charles Stephens with 49 graduates; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Deborah Wigington, along with other county departments and community resources is working to create a mental health treatment court; and

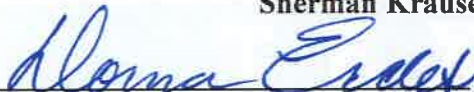
WHEREAS, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

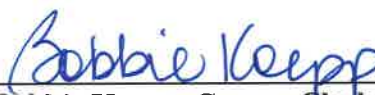
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Comal County Commissioners Court, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, Texas, hereby proclaims May 2021 as Drug Court Month in Comal County, and commends the dedication and hard work of the judges and court staff who have made treatment courts so successful in our county

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 13th day of May, 2021.



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 Koepf, County Clerk