

State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing May 8-14, 2022 as National Prevention Week in Comal County

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health an estimated 59.3 million Americans ages 12 and older used illicit drugs in the past year; six million young people (aged 12 to 20) reported drinking alcohol in the past month; twenty percent of Americans (57.3 million people) used tobacco products or used an e-cigarette or other vaping device to vape nicotine in the past month; and in 2020, 9.3 million Americans misused prescription pain relievers; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 28.3 million people ages 12 and older in America were classified as having an alcohol use disorder in the past year; about 52.9 million adults had a mental illness; and in Comal County, an estimated **16,000** people are affected by these conditions; and

WHEREAS, the focus of **National Prevention Week** this May is to prevent substance use and promote mental health, and to recognize the achievements of prevention organizations and individuals across the nation; and

WHEREAS, through **National Prevention Week** people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health and substance use disorders; and equally important, community members from all walks of life learn how they can help build community, strengthen resilience, and create hope to keep those around them—and themselves—healthy and safe; and

WHEREAS, we, and others across the United States need to recognize the seriousness of substance use and mental health issues in our communities, the power of prevention, and the tireless efforts of those working to make a difference; and

WHEREAS, the small, daily actions by individuals, combined with the actions of families, communities, and coalitions come together to make up the larger, bold movement of prevention.

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 the week of May 8-14, 2022 as National Prevention Week in Comal County and call upon our community to recognize and support programs and efforts to prevent mental health and/or substance use disorders.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 5th day of May, 2022.


Sherman Krause, County Judge


Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3


Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4

