

# Proclamation

## Recognizing April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month and April 2, 2023, as Autism Awareness Day in Comal County

**WHEREAS**, autism spectrum disorders are a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, and speech and nonverbal communication; and

**WHEREAS**, autism spectrum disorders affect at least 1 in 54 children and an unknown number of adults in the United States regardless of gender, race, ethnicity or socioeconomic background; and

**WHEREAS**, early, accurate diagnosis and appropriate education, intervention and therapy are vital to the well-being of those with autism spectrum disorders; and

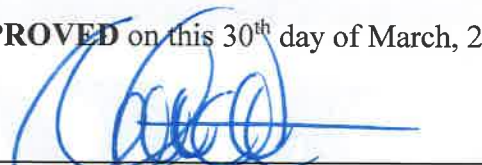
**WHEREAS**, persons with an autism spectrum disorder should have access to the care, services and opportunities they need to be happy and to achieve their greatest potential; and


**WHEREAS**, Comal County is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Awareness Month and World Autism Awareness Day in the hope that it will lead to more research and better understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder.

**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 recognizes April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month to raise public acceptance and understanding of autism spectrum disorder, as well as to increase knowledge of the efforts that have been and are being made to support individuals with autism spectrum disorder and their families; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that April 2, 2023, is recognized as Autism Awareness Day in Comal County, with the bell tower lights tinted blue for the weekend of April 2 to promote awareness.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

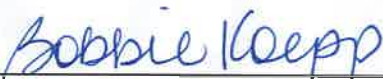
  
Sherman Krause, County Judge

  
Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

  
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Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

  
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Attest:   
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk

