

State of Texas *
County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing October 2023 as Domestic Violence 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, 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 "No. 1 thing" adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis Center of Comal County, along with other prevention-related programs in this county, has been an invaluable ally in the fight against domestic violence, providing crucial support, resources, and services to survivors within our community; and

WHEREAS, Comal County is dedicated to remembering the survivors of domestic violence, accordingly the Courthouse tower will be illuminated for one week (October 6-12) with purple lights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Commissioners Court of Comal County, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, hereby proclaims October 2023 as Domestic Violence Month in Comal County. We acknowledge and commend the tireless efforts of the Crisis Center of Comal County and other related programs in this county, along with organizations dedicated to combating domestic violence. We urge all residents to join us in raising awareness, providing support, and fostering a safer environment for all those affected by domestic violence. Together, let us strive to build a community that is free from violence and dedicated to supporting survivors on their journey to healing and empowerment.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 5th day of October, 2023.

Sherman Krause, County Judge

Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2

Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest:
Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk