

State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

Recognizing May 7-13 2023 as National Prevention Week in Comal County

WHEREAS, according to the 2021 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 61.2 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-two percent of Americans (74 million people) aged 12 and older used tobacco products or used an e-cigarette or other vaping device to vape nicotine in the past month; and in 2021, 8.7 million Americans misused prescription pain relievers; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 29.5 million people ages 12 and older in America were classified as having alcohol misuse disorder in the past year; about 57.8 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 change the prevention landscape by providing evidence-based and accessible resources that facilitate collective action and story-sharing; by showcasing the work of our partners in prevention, we can confront the societal challenges surrounding substance misuse together while celebrating stories of prevention, 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 implement prevention strategies and showcase the effectiveness of evidence-based programs; and

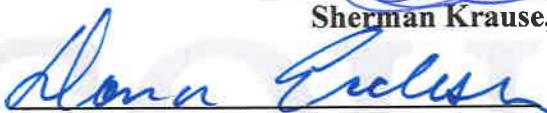
WHEREAS, the small, daily actions done by individuals, combined with the actions of families, communities, and coalitions, come together to make up the larger, bold movement of prevention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Commissioners Court of Comal County, Texas, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, hereby proclaims the week of **MAY 7-13, 2023** as **NATIONAL PREVENTION WEEK** in Comal County and calls upon our community to join us this week in celebrating the compelling programs and events that support increasing awareness of, and action around, mental health and/or substance use disorders year-round.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 4th day of May, 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 Koepp, County Clerk

