

State of Texas \*  
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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## Recognizing May 12-18, 2024 as National Prevention Week in Comal County

**WHEREAS**, according to the 2022 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 70.3 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-three percent of Americans (64 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 2022, 8.5 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 59.3 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** by Commissioners Court of Comal County, that May 12-18, 2024 is hereby recognized as National Prevention Week, and we call upon our community to join us during this week to celebrate 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2024.

  
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

