State of Texas

County of Comal



Recognizing April 2024 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Comal County

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community, with the aim of raising public awareness about sexual violence and educating communities about how to prevent it; and

WHEREAS, Comal County residents who are sexual assault survivors are valued members of the community as employees, volunteers, business owners, loving family members, friends, role models; and

WHEREAS, April 2024 marks the 23rd anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month; but as long as there have been people who care about making the world a better place, there have been advocates for sexual assault prevention; and

WHEREAS, for 37 years The Comal County Crisis Center has served countless survivors of sexual assault and has provided wrap around services and other prevention-related programs that encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small, and speak up when they hear others making light of sexual violence, stereotypes, or gender bias; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in our county through prevention education, increased awareness and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

WHEREAS, we strongly support the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of every resident, to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by Commissioners Court of Comal County, that April 2024 is hereby recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and urges residents to join the Crisis Center of Comal County, anti-sexual-violence advocates, and support-services programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solutions to end sexual violence.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 4th day of April, 2024.

Sherman Krause, County Judge

Donna Eccleston Commissioner Pct. 1

Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

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Attest:

Bobbie Koepp, County