

State of Texas*

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County of Comal*

Proclamation

NAMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2016 AS "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH" IN COMAL COUNTY

WHEREAS, There were more than 66,700 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Texas during 2015; and

WHEREAS, more than 480 children in Comal County were confirmed victims of child abuse in 2015; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and encourage parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, community organizations such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Comal County, Comal County Child Welfare Board, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County, Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc., Early Childhood Intervention, Comal County District Attorney's Office, The Crisis Center of Comal County, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Comal County Sheriff's Office, New Braunfels, Bulverde, Garden Ridge, and Schertz Police Departments, Communities in Schools, Sexual Assault Response Team of Comal County, New Braunfels Independent School District, Comal Independent School District, St. Jude's Ranch For Children - Bulverde Campus, St. Jude's Ranch For Children - Emergency Shelter, Hill Country Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, Comal County Public Health Office McKenna Health System, Kid's Club and Upstarts assist in stopping child abuse and neglect.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of Comal County, duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month in Comal County" and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect significantly in the years to come.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 7th day of April, 2016.

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