

State of Texas *

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County of Comal *

Proclamation

NAMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2016 AS "ELDER ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH" IN COMAL COUNTY

WHEREAS, people who are elderly or have disabilities have contributed to the general welfare of Comal County by helping to preserve customs, convictions, and traditions of many people from diverse backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, these residents are vital and integral members of our society and their wisdom and experience have enriched our lives; and

WHEREAS, abuse of the elderly and people with disabilities in domestic and institutional settings is a wide-spread problem, affecting hundreds of thousands of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, abuse affected more than 110,277 Texans who are elderly or have disabilities in 2015; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse is grossly underreported because the elderly who are being abused find it very difficult to tell anyone and are usually ashamed and sometimes afraid; and

WHEREAS, elder abuse happens to men and women of all income levels, all cultural and ethnic groups, whether they are in good health or incapacitated in some way, in poor neighborhoods and in suburbia; and

WHEREAS, many of the cases investigated by Adult Protective Services in Texas involve self-neglect and it is our duty as citizens to reach out to people in need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners Court of the County of Comal hereby recognize and proclaims month of May 2016 to be "*Elder Abuse Prevention Month*" in Comal County, and urge all citizens to work together to help reduce abuse and neglect of people who are elderly or have disabilities.

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