

State of Texas *
County of Comal *

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2016 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH IN COMAL COUNTY

WHEREAS, In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free- hotline. In 1989, U.S. Congress passed Public Law designating October as National Domestic Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors, including physical, psychological, sexual, social isolation, stalking, and economic abuse the individuals use to maintain power and control over their intimate partners; and

WHEREAS, The crime of domestic violence violates an individual's dignity, safety, and basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is the single largest cause of injury and homicide for women; and

WHEREAS, Children who are exposed to domestic violence experience feelings of terror, isolation, guilt, helplessness, and grief. They have a higher risk of engaging in criminal behavior, substance abuse, and becoming victims of crime in the community; and

WHEREAS, Domestic violence crosses all ethnic, racial, sexual preference, economic, age, educational, and religious lines; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, the Crisis Center of Comal County provided 4,952 nights of shelter to 670 victims of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, It is incumbent on every citizen to aid and assist those suffering from domestic abuse and let victims know that support is available; and

WHEREAS, The Crisis Center of Comal County, Comal County Sheriff's Department, the Judicial System, and the medical community throughout Comal County are working together to develop solutions to this serious social problem to implement effective services that will improve our responses and put an end to Domestic Violence.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Comal County Commissioners Court duly convened and acting in its capacity as the governing body of Comal County, proclaim the month of October 2016 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Comal County and authorize the tower lights on the Historic Comal County Courthouse to be tinted purple in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 29st day of September, 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