Proclamation
Krause
Judge
RESIDING

State of Texas §
County of Comal §

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October 2012
"Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

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 Violence Awareness Month; and

Whereas: Domestic violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors, including physical, psychological, sexual, social isolation, stalking, and economic abuse that 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: Teen Dating Violence is becoming more prevalent in our society and we must seek measures to better educate our youth with healthy morals and relationships.

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

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

Therefore, Be it Resolved that the Commissioners Court of Comal County proclaims the month of October 2012 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 11th day of October 2012.

Sherman Krause, County Judge

Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1

Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2

Gregory Parker, Commissioner Pct 3

Jan Kennady, Commissioner Pct 4

COMMISSIONERS' COURT COMAL COUNTY, TEXAS

Attest:
Joy Streater, County Clerk