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Naming the Month of April 2012 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month"

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault is one of the most violent and devastating crimes in society today, impacting the lives of men, women, and children of all racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, There are many types of sexual assault, including verbal harassment and intimidation, molestation, rape, and pornography; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault goes unreported far too often, and leaves long-lasting physical and emotional scars; and

WHEREAS, Sexual violence is preventable and speaking out against sexual assault is an important first step. We must work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to eradicate and prevent sexual assault and to support survivors, to ensure that they are given the help that they need to take back control and ensure that they are not re-victimized; and

WHEREAS, We recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who first respond to provide services to survivors, such as the Crisis Center of Comal County, the Comal County Sheriff's Office, and our emergency medical workers; and

WHEREAS, It is important that sexual assault is recognized as a problem and important to understand that alerting the public to services that can help victims and loved ones of victims is a crucial component to addressing this issue in our community. We encourage everyone to work in partnership supporting local activities and programs that are working toward the elimination of sexual assault.

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 2012, as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month." All Texans are encouraged to increase their awareness and to work to prevent sexual assault in their communities across this great state. Together, united in this effort, we can continue to make a difference.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 5th day of April, 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