

State of Texas \*  
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County of Comal \*

# Proclamation

## RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2015 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS 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 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**, Domestic violence crosses all ethnic, racial, sexual preference, economic, age, educational and religious lines; and

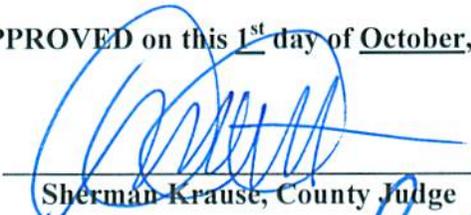
**WHEREAS**, In 2014, the Crisis Center of Comal County provided 4,952 nights of shelter to 670 victims of domestic violence; and

**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 and 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 2015 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2015.

  
Sherman Krause, County Judge

  
Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct. 1

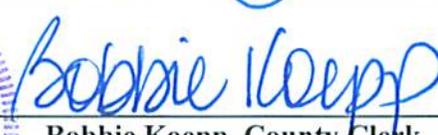
  
Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct. 2

  
Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct. 3

  
Jen Crownover, Commissioner Pct. 4



Attest:

  
Bobbie Koepp, County Clerk