

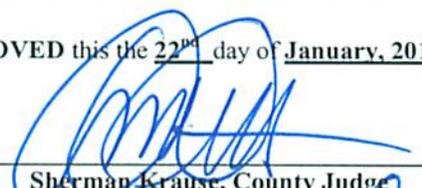
State of Texas *
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County of Comal *

Proclamation

NAMING JANUARY 2015 AS "NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH" IN COMAL COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 2002, the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR: the National Mentoring Partnership created National Mentoring Month; and
WHEREAS, the goals of National Mentoring Month are to raise awareness of mentoring, recruit individuals to mentor, and encourage organizations to engage and integrate quality in mentoring into their efforts; and
WHEREAS, a mentor is a caring, consistent presence who devotes time to a young person to help that young person discover personal strength and achieve their potential through a structured and trusting relationship; and
WHEREAS, quality mentoring encourages positive choices, promotes self-esteem, supports academic achievement and introduces young people to new ideas; and
WHEREAS, mentoring programs have shown to be effective in combating school violence and discipline problems, substance abuse, incarceration and truancy; and
WHEREAS, research shows that young people who were at risk for not completing high school but who had a mentor were 55 percent more likely to be enrolled in college, 81 percent more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities, more than twice as likely to say they held a leadership position in a club or sports team, and 78 percent more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities; and
WHEREAS, youth development experts agree that mentoring is critical to the social, emotional and cognitive development of youth, helping them navigate the path to adulthood more successfully; and
WHEREAS, mentors help young people set career goals and use their personal contacts to help young people meet industry professionals and find jobs; and
WHEREAS, mentoring is a proven cost-effective investment: for every \$1 invested in mentoring, there is a \$3 return to society; and
WHEREAS, all of the above listed benefits serve to link youth to economic opportunity while also strengthening the fiber of our communities; and
WHEREAS, despite these benefits, one in three youth will reach age 19 without a mentor – constituting a “mentoring gap” that demonstrates a need for collaboration and resources.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comal County Commissioners Court does hereby proclaim January 2015 as “National Mentoring Month” and call upon public officials, business and community leaders, and educators, to encourage the citizens of Comal County to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs that support this great program.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 22nd day of January, 2015.


Sherman Krause, County Judge

Absent

Donna Eccleston, Commissioner Pct 1


Scott Haag, Commissioner Pct 2


Kevin Webb, Commissioner Pct 3


Jen Crowover, Commissioner Pct 4



Attest:


Bobbie Koepf, County Clerk