



Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF COMAL §
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS §

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every community member of Comal County; and

WHEREAS, statistics indicate that one in five women and one in twenty men in Texas have experienced sexual assault and in 2015, the Crisis Center of Comal County provided support services for 400 victims of sexual abuse including child victims. Approximately 80% of sexual assault victims know the person who assaulted them; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of sexual assault prevention programs at the Crisis Center of Comal County encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence however small; and

WHEREAS, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing sexual violence in Comal County through prevention education, increased awareness, and holding perpetrators who commit acts of sexual violence responsible for their actions; 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, the New Braunfels Police Department, and our emergency medical workers; and

WHEREAS, it is important that sexual assault is recognized as a problem and vital to understand that alerting the public about this issue can help empower victims and their loved ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2017 as

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

And encourage every resident to actively engage in public and private efforts, including conversations about what sexual violence is, how to prevent it, how to help survivors connect with services, and how every segment of our society can work together to better address sexual violence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed the 10th day of April, 2017.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

BY: _____
BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor