



# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, there were more than 63,500 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Texas during 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 450 children in Comal County are confirmed victims of child abuse each year; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

**WHEREAS**, communities must make every effort to promote programs that benefit children and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships among agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone in the community should become more aware of child abuse prevention and encourage parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

**WHEREAS**, community organizations such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Comal County, Comal County Child Welfare Board, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Children’s Advocacy Center of Comal County, Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc., Early Childhood Intervention, Comal County District Attorney’s Office, The Crisis Center of Comal County, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Comal County Sheriff’s Office, New Braunfels, Bulverde, Garden Ridge and Schertz Police Departments, Communities in Schools, Sexual Assault Response Team of Comal County, New Braunfels Independent School District, Comal Independent School District, St. Jude’s Ranch for Children – Bulverde Campus, St. Jude’s Ranch for Children - Emergency Shelter, Hill Country Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, Comal County Public Health Office McKenna Health System, Kid’s Club and Upstarts assist in stopping child abuse and neglect.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, BARRON CASTEEL**, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018 as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

in New Braunfels, Texas and I urge all citizens to work together and take action to stop child abuse and neglect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

**BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor**