



# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in the community. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and educate communities about how to prevent it; and

**WHEREAS**, New Braunfels residents who are sexual assault survivors are valued members of the community as employees, volunteers, business owners, loving family members, friends, and role models; and

**WHEREAS**, Sexual Assault Awareness Month has been recognized annually during the month of April since 2001. On this month, the 23rd anniversary of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we as a community will continue to raise public awareness and educate our residents on prevention against sexual violence; and

**WHEREAS**, for 37 years The Comal County Crisis Center has served countless survivors of sexual assault and has provided wrap around services. Staff and volunteers at the Crisis Center of Comal County and other prevention-related programs in this county encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small, and speak up when they hear others making light of sexual violence, stereotypes, or gender bias; and

**WHEREAS**, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is compelling evidence that we can be successful in reducing sexual violence in our county through prevention education, increased awareness and holding perpetrators who commit acts of violence responsible for their actions; and

**WHEREAS**, we strongly support the efforts of national, state, and local partners, and of 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.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that I, Neal Linnartz, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, proclaim April 2024, as

**SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of New Braunfels and I urge all citizens of New Braunfels to join the Crisis Center of Comal County, anti-sexual-violence advocates, and support-services programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solutions to end sexual violence.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor