



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, there were more than 58,000 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Texas during 2016, with more than 400 of those children living in Comal County; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention is a community responsibility that depends on all people involved in finding solutions; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community should take an active role in abuse prevention by attending a prevention training, becoming a mentor, becoming a foster parent, advocating for children, volunteering in a youth serving organization, supporting local, child focused nonprofit organizations, raising children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, it is everyone’s legal and moral duty to report suspected abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention succeeds because of partnerships among state agencies, schools, religious organizations, law enforcement agencies, non-profit organizations and the business community; 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., 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, and Garden Ridge Police Departments, New Braunfels ISD, Comal ISD, St. Jude’s Ranch for Children – Bulverde Campus and emergency shelter work together to stop child abuse and neglect.

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

“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION 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 10th day of April, 2017.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor