



# Proclamation

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

**WHEREAS**, in October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989 U.S. Congress passed Public Law designating October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors, including physical, psychological, sexual, social isolation, stalking, and economic abuse the individuals use to maintain power and control over their intimate partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's dignity, safety, and basic human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence is the single largest cause of injury and homicide for women; and

**WHEREAS**, Children who are exposed to domestic violence experience feelings of terror, isolation, guilt, helplessness, and grief. They have a higher risk of engaging in criminal behavior, substance abuse and becoming victims of crime in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Domestic Violence crosses all ethnic, racial, sexual preference, economic, age, educational and religious lines; and

**WHEREAS**, in the last fiscal year, the Crisis Center of Comal County helped over 1,174 clients and provided 15,359 nights of shelter to victims and survivors of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent on every citizen to aid and assist those suffering from domestic abuse and let victims know that support is available; and

**WHEREAS**, The Crisis Center of Comal County, New Braunfels Police Department, the Judicial System, and the medical community throughout the City of New Braunfels are working together to develop solutions to this serious social problem and to implement effective services that will improve our responses and put an end to Domestic Violence.

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

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

in New Braunfels and I urge all citizens to work toward ending Domestic Violence in our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018.

**CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS**

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**BARRON CASTEEL, Mayor**