



Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the first Domestic Violence Month was observed in October 1987, the same year that saw the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline; and

WHEREAS, in 1989 Congress designated October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, in just one day across the United States and its territories nearly 75,000 victims of domestic violence sought services from domestic violence programs and shelters, but more than 9,000 requests for services - including emergency shelter, housing, transportation, childcare and legal representation - could not be provided because programs lacked the resources to meet victims' needs; and

WHEREAS, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly affecting individuals throughout the City of New Braunfels, the United States, and the world, allowing us to serve 1,523 clients last year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence crosses all ethnic, racial, sexual preference, economic, age, educational, and religious lines, with safe houses as survivors' most urgent need; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence affects millions of people each year, but it can be prevented, requiring the collective voice and power of individuals, families, institutions and systems - each whose "No. 1 thing" adds a valuable and powerful component to transforming our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSTY BROCKMAN, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2020 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 12th day of October 2020.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

RUSTY BROCKMAN, Mayor