City of New Braunfels

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, under the laws of all fifty states, the U.S. Territories, the District of Columbia, and federal government, stalking is a crime; and

WHEREAS, the crime of stalking violates an individual's privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to unwanted, repeated surveillance of personal whereabouts, choices, property and communication; and

WHEREAS, the problems of stalking are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are most often directly related to domestic violence and sexual assault cases; and

WHEREAS, the impact of stalking is wide ranging, directly effecting individuals here in this community, throughout the United States and the world, with victims of stalking, these individuals have a higher rate of loss work, psychological distress, and lost productivity than the general population, and

WHEREAS, women are not only targets; young children, men and the elderly also are victims, statistics show that 3 in 4 women killed by an intimate partner were stalked by them first, and it is important to note that the emotional scars of stalking victims are long-lasting; and

WHEREAS, laws, policy and community awareness around stalking must be continuously increased and prevention requires collaborative effort by organizations, individuals, employers and peers alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSTY BROCKMAN, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, do hereby recognize the month of January 2021 as

STALKING AWARENESS MONTH

in New Braunfels, we call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our effort to prevent stalking, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of New Braunfels to be affixed this the 25th day of January 2021.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

BY: _____
     RUSTY BROCKMAN, Mayor