City of New Braunfels



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WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and has public health implications for every resident of New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, statistics indicate that every 73 seconds, an American is sexually assaulted and every 9 minutes, that victim is a child; and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about what can be done to prevent sexual assault and how to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, staff and volunteers of 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 biases; 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, as well as 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, I, RUSTY BROCKMAN, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, do hereby proclaim April, 2021 as

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

in New Braunfels, Texas, and urge all citizens 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 solution 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 26 day of April, 2021.

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