## City of New Braunfels-



## Proclamation

THE STATE OF TEXAS \$
COUNTY OF COMAL \$
CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS \$

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors, including physical, psychological, sexual, social isolation, stalking, and economic abuse that 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, Teen Dating Violence is becoming more prevalent in our society and we must seek measures to better educate our youth on healthy morals and relationships; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence crosses all ethnic, racial, sexual preference, economic, age, educational and religious lines; 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, Law Enforcement, 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, R. Bruce Boyer, Mayor of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2010 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

R. BRUCE BOYER, Mayor