



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 62,525 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2022 resulting in 9,623 children in foster care in Texas, and the death of 165 children in Texas in 2022; and

WHEREAS, 119 children were confirmed victims of abuse in Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and

WHEREAS, locally, representatives from Caldwell County Child Welfare Board, Caldwell County District Attorney's Office, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center and Roxanne's House, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Lockhart and Luling Police Departments, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, and CTMC have joined forces to provide preventive and supportive services to child victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, every child in Caldwell County deserves to be safe, nurtured and supported in caring relationships; and

THEREFORE, I, Hoppy Haden, by virtue of the authority vested in me as County Judge of Caldwell County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

And do hereby call upon the citizens of Caldwell County to work together to raise awareness and prevent child abuse in our community and beyond.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of Caldwell County, Texas, this 28th day of March, 2023.

Hoppy Haden
Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Rusty Horne
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Ed Theriot
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Dyral Thomas
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez
Caldwell County Clerk