



**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING MAY 4 – 8, 2026
AS AIR QUALITY AWARENESS WEEK**

- WHEREAS:** Air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of Caldwell County; and
- WHEREAS:** Children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality, which make up half of all residents in Central Texas; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2025 air quality in the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) was moderated or worse according to the Air Quality Index (AQI) for 57% of days; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2025, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA exceeded the federal 8-hour ozone standard which increases the region's risk of being designated nonattainment; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2025, the Austin-Round Rock-San Marcos MSA exceeded the federal annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) standard for a second year, which increases the region's risk of being designated nonattainment; and
- WHEREAS:** Remaining in compliance with the NAAQS is important not only for public health, but also for the region's economy and ability to conduct transportation planning; and
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated May 4 - 8, 2026, as National Air Quality Awareness Week; and
- WHEREAS:** The goal of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC) is to maintain compliance with federal air quality regulations and to reduce the impacts of air pollution on public health and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT MAY 4 - 8, 2026 IS RECOGNIZED AS:

Air Quality Awareness Week

in Caldwell County and encourages residents and employees to act to 'Be Air Aware' and educate themselves about local air quality by visiting CAPCOG's Air Central Texas website at AirCentralTexas.org and by promoting air quality and air quality awareness within our community.

PROCLAIMED this the 23rd day of April, 2026.

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

By Dolores Garcia
Deputy

