PROCLAMATION

RECOGNITION OF FEBRUARY 2026
AS DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS: One in three adolescents is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional, or verbal abuse from a dating partner; and

WHEREAS: The effects of dating violence impact youth in all communities and cuts across economic, racial, gender, and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS: Respectful, supportive, and non-violent relationships are key to safety, health, and academic success; and

WHEREAS: By providing teens and young adults with education about healthy relationships and relationship skills, and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

WHEREAS: Family, friends, teachers, coaches, faith leaders, community members, and other important people in young people's lives have the power to influence youth in positive ways; and

WHEREAS: Last year HCWC provided 102 dating violence prevention and healthy relationships presentations to 2.537 teens and young adults; and

WHEREAS: Last year HCWC reached an audience of more than 207,680 through Prevention Social Media Posts: and

WHEREAS: We must work together to raise awareness and promote healthy dating relationships with activities and conversations about mutually respectful and non-violent relationships in our homes, schools, and communities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT, it does hereby recognize February 2026 as:

DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

And do hereby call upon the citizens of Caldwell County to work together to raise awareness and prevent dating violence among teens and young adults in our community and beyond.

PROCLAIMED this 22nd day of January, 2026.

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Hoppy Haden
Caldwell County Judge

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B.J. Westmoreland
Commissioner, Precinct 1

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Ed Theriot
Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Rusty Horne
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Dyral Thomas
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

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Teresa Rodriguez, Caldwell County Clerk