



PROCLAMATION

Caldwell County Progressive Club

The Caldwell County Commissioners Court observes Black History Month as an opportunity to reflect on Black history in Texas, and to commemorate the contributions of our African Americans organizations and non-profits to our Caldwell County African American Community.

WHEREAS contributions and achievements of our African American citizens are an essential part of our Texas history throughout the year. February, Black History Month, provides a designated opportunity to highlight the unique contributions to Lockhart High School African American graduates collegiate educational growth by the Caldwell County Progressive Club; and

WHEREAS in 1974, four African American Construction workers — Ammie Carter, Jr., Hiawatha Franks, Sr., Nathaniel “Bubba” Bennett Jr., and Homer Williams, Sr. learned that there were disparities in the opportunities to collegiate scholarship for African American students graduating from Lockhart High School.

THEREFORE, in answer to this scholarship challenge, a nonprofit, The Caldwell County Progressive Club was organized as a nonprofit. The Progressive Club provides (5) scholarships to Lockhart High School graduates who apply and meet all the qualifications of the scholarship criteria. This club held its first scholarship banquet at Lockhart Intermediate School, now Navarro Elementary in February 1975. That May, Steve Manning and Johnnie Winn Jr. received the first Caldwell County Progressive Club scholarships; and

WHEREAS In February 1978, During the Progressive Club third annual banquet, Marshall Hill, a graduate of Lockhart High School, and who is a current member to the Progressive Club, and who is the President of the St. John 19th Body, St. John Colony, Texas, was the recipient of one of the fourth rounds of yearly Caldwell County Progressive Club scholarships.

THEREFORE, in an alignment with a realized vision to improve African American student educational scholarship equity, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County observes, and honors initiatives of The Caldwell County Progressive Club whose ongoing simplistic goal, for fifty-two [52] continuous years has been to provide scholarships to African American graduates from Lockhart High School that has total over 200 scholarship rewards.

THEREFORE, During the Black History Month of February, the Caldwell County Commissioners Court encourages educators, students, and citizens to learn about the heritage and achievements of African Americans and encourage community support to the educational initiatives of organizational works such as the Caldwell County Progressive Club scholastic scholarships.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Caldwell County Commissioners Court does hereby adopt this resolution to acknowledge and honor 52 years of continuous scholastic scholarship support by the Caldwell County Progressive Club for the African American graduates of Lockhart High School, Caldwell County, Texas and that his initiatives will continue until infinity.

PROCLAIMED this 12th day of February, 2026.

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Caldwell County Judge

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ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez
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