



**PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2026  
AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** More than 51,985 victims of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2025 resulting in 4,287 children in foster care in Texas and the death of 125 children in Texas in 2025; and
- WHEREAS:** One hundred twenty-one children were confirmed victims of abuse in Caldwell County in 2025; and
- WHEREAS:** Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people. Through the perseverance of our many community organizations working daily to end child abuse, we continually served children throughout the pandemic.
- WHEREAS:** Locally, representatives from 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, Luling and Martindale Police Departments, Caldwell County Sheriff’s Office, Bluebird’s Hope and Christus Santa Rosa- San Marcos 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT** the month of April 2026 is recognized 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.

**PROCLAIMED** this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

Hoppy Haden  
Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Ed Theriot  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Rusty Horne  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Dyrat Thomas  
Commissioner, Precinct 4



ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez, Caldwell County Clerk