

AUTHORIZING RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2025 AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: The crime of domestic violence violates the basic human rights of safety and dignity, and 205 Texans were killed in an intimate partner homicide including 179 women and 26 men; and

WHEREAS: The problem of domestic violence is not confined to any group of people, but cut across all economic, racial, gender and societal barriers; and

WHEREAS: Domestic violence can be physical, sexual, emotional, financial, psychological, or technological and can include actions or threats of actions or other patterns of coercive behavior that influence another person

within an intimate partner relationship; and

WHEREAS: The impact of domestic violence directly affects individuals and communities when society ignores or

tolerates violence in relationships; and

WHEREAS: Last year HCWC provided face-to-face services to over 1,165 local victims of domestic violence and

provided 6,693 days of shelter: and

WHEREAS: Last year HCWC provided these direct services to 174 victims from Caldwell County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT, it does hereby recognize October 2025 as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* and calls upon the people of Caldwell County to work together with HCWC and local partners to bring an end to domestic violence and teen dating violence.

PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of September, 2025.

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Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland

Commissioner, Precinct 1

Ed Theriot

Commissioner, Precinct 3

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Commissioner, Precinct 4

Commissioner, Precinct 2

ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez, Caldwell County Clerk