



**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING APRIL 2025
AS CALDWELL COUNTY CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** More than 34,994 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2024 resulting in 9,754 children in foster care in Texas and the death of 99 children in Texas in 2024; and
- WHEREAS:** Eighty-two children were confirmed victims of abuse in Caldwell County in 2024; and
- WHEREAS:** Child abuse prevention is a community responsibility and finding solutions depends on involvement among all people; and
- 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; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT the month of April 2025 is recognized as:

CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION 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 8th day of April, 2025.

Hoppy Haden
Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Ed Theriot
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Rusty Horne
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Dyrall Thomas
Commissioner, Precinct 4



ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez, Caldwell County Clerk