



## PROCLAMATION

### RECOGNIZING ALS AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive and fatal neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord, causing motor neurons to degenerate and die – resulting in muscle weakness, paralysis, and making everyday activities such as walking, speaking, and even breathing increasingly difficult over time; and
- WHEREAS:** Approximately 30,000 Americans are living with ALS at any given time, and the number of cases in the United States is projected to increase by more than 10 percent by 2030 due to population growth and aging; and
- WHEREAS:** ALS can be difficult to diagnose and its progression varies from person to person, with most individuals facing a life expectancy of two to five years following diagnosis, and on average someone in the United States loses their life to ALS approximately every 90 minutes; and
- WHEREAS:** ALS affects individuals of all races, ethnicities, ages, and genders, without discrimination; and
- WHEREAS:** The exact cause of ALS remains unknown in most cases, and while treatments may help manage symptoms, there is currently no cure; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased public awareness and education are essential to advancing research, improving care, and supporting individuals and families affected by ALS throughout Texas and beyond.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CALDWELL COUNTY, TEXAS, THAT** May 2026 is hereby recognized as:

### ALS AWARENESS MONTH

and all residents are encouraged to learn about ALS, support individuals and families affected by the disease, and promote efforts to advance research and find a cure.

**PROCLAIMED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.

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Hoppy Haden  
Caldwell County Judge

A blue ink signature of B.J. Westmoreland, written in a cursive style.

B.J. Westmoreland  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

A blue ink signature of Rusty Horne, written in a cursive style.

Rusty Horne  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

A blue ink signature of Ed Theriot, written in a cursive style.

Ed Theriot  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

A blue ink signature of Dyral Thomas, written in a cursive style.

Dyral Thomas  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

A blue ink signature of Teresa Rodriguez, written in a cursive style.

Teresa Rodriguez, Caldwell County Clerk

