



PROCLAMATION

**RECOGNIZING APRIL 2024
AS CALDWELL COUNTY CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, more than 63, 989 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2023 resulting in 9,962 children in foster care in Texas and the death of 173 children in Texas in 2023; and

WHEREAS, 86 children were confirmed victims of abuse in Caldwell County in 2023; 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 Child Welfare Board, 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 and Luling Police Departments, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, and CTMC 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 2024 is recognized as:

CHILD ABUSE AND PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAIMED this the 26th day of March, 2024.

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

