



**PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING JUNE 2024  
AS ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, older adults and people with disabilities of diverse backgrounds contribute to the wellbeing of this county by working, caregiving, volunteering and actively preserving customs, rituals, and traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, as we age, we build momentum by accumulating knowledge, experience, insight, and wisdom that can be shared to enrich our community; and

**WHEREAS**, abuse of older adults and people with disabilities is a community concern, affecting thousands of people across Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, there were 120,069 reports of abuse against older adults and people with disabilities in Texas in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, abuse against older adults and people with disabilities is grossly underreported because of social stigma, embarrassment, and fear; and

**WHEREAS**, adult abuse effects men and women of all income and ability levels, all cultural and ethnic backgrounds, in all communities; and

**WHEREAS**, elder abuse is everyone's business, it's important to strengthen our efforts to prevent, report and address elder abuse.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CALDWELL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024 IS RECOGNIZED AS:

**ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

In Caldwell County, Texas and urge all residents to work together to reduce abuse and neglect of older adults and people with disabilities.

**PROCLAIMED** this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

Hoppy Haden  
Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Rusty Horne  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Ed Theriot  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Dyrall Thomas  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

**ATTEST:**

  
Teresa Rodriguez, County Clerk