

PROCLAMATION **RECOGNITION OF OCTOBER 2023** AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates the basic human rights of safety and dignity, and 204 Texans were killed in an intimate partner homicide including 169 women and 35 men.

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, the impact of domestic violence and teen dating violence directly affects individuals and communities when society ignores or tolerates violence in relationships; and

WHEREAS, last year the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center ("HCWC") provided face-to-face services to over 978 local victims of domestic violence and provided 8,093 days of shelter: and

WHEREAS, last year the HCWC provided these direct services to 111 victims from Caldwell County, and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County does hereby proclaim that the month of October 2023 be recognized as:

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

And calls upon the people of Caldwell County to work together with the HCWC and local partners to bring an end to domestic violence and teen dating violence.

PROCLAIMED this the 26th day of September, 2023.

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Hoppy Haden Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland - Judge Pro -Tum

Commissioner, Precinct 1

Ed Theriot Commissioner, Precinct 3

ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez

Caldwell County Clerk

Rusty Horne Commissioner, Precinct 2

Dyral Thomas Commissioner, Precinct 4

