



**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, more than 62,525 cases of child abuse and neglect were confirmed in Texas in 2022 resulting in 9,623 children in foster care in Texas, and the death of 165 children in Texas in 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, 119 children were confirmed victims of abuse in Caldwell County; 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; and

**THEREFORE**, I, Hoppy Haden, by virtue of the authority vested in me as County Judge of Caldwell County, Texas, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND 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.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of Caldwell County, Texas, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

Hoppy Haden  
Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Rusty Horne  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

*Absent*

Ed Theriot  
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Dyrall Thomas  
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez  
Caldwell County Clerk

