



**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL LEGACY OF THE COMMUNITY OF
PRAIRIE LEA AND PRAIRIE LEA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas finds it appropriate to recognize communities and institutions that have made significant contributions to the county's historical and cultural development; and

WHEREAS, Prairie Lea is widely recognized as one of the earliest established communities in Caldwell County, with documented settlement dating to the mid-1800s;¹ and

WHEREAS, Prairie Lea is home to one of the earliest documented schools in Caldwell County, established in approximately 1848, reflecting the early development of public education in the region;^{1 2} and

WHEREAS, Prairie Lea Independent School District continues this historic educational tradition by serving generations of students and families;² and

WHEREAS, Prairie Lea reflects the broader historical development of Central Texas during the Republic of Texas and early statehood periods;³ and

WHEREAS, Prairie Lea has contributed to Texas athletic heritage through participation in six-man football, a uniquely Texas form of rural school athletics;⁴ and

WHEREAS, Prairie Lea's historical economic development has included agriculture, cotton production supported by local gins, and later oil and gas activity, contributing to the growth of Caldwell County.⁵

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Commissioners Court of Caldwell County, Texas hereby honors the community of Prairie Lea and Prairie Lea Independent School District for their enduring legacy in education, culture, and community development, extends the recognition with appreciation for their historical contributions and continued service to the citizens of Caldwell County.

PROCLAIMED this 24th day of September, 2026.

Hoppy Haden
Caldwell County Judge

B.J. Westmoreland
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Ed Theriot
Commissioner, Precinct 3

Rusty Horne
Commissioner, Precinct 2

Dyrat Thomas
Commissioner, Precinct 4

ATTEST:

Teresa Rodriguez, Caldwell County Clerk



EXHIBIT A – SOURCES / AUTHORITIES

1. Texas State Historical Association (TSHA), *Handbook of Texas Online*, “Prairie Lea, Texas.”
2. Prairie Lea Independent School District historical materials and district publications.
3. TSHA, Caldwell County historical overview; Republic of Texas settlement documentation.
4. Texas Six-Man Football historical records and Texas Six-Man Football Association summaries.
5. TSHA, Caldwell County economic history; Texas agricultural, cotton, and oil/gas development historical summaries.