PROCLAMATION

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PROFESSIONAL CLERKS TO THE BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' WEEK MAY 3rd – MAY 9th, 2026

WHEREAS, it is imperative to the democratic process that a well-informed citizenry participates in the operation of their local government.

WHEREAS, the office of the Clerk to the Board provides the communication link between the citizens, the local governing body, administrative departments, and local government partners.

WHEREAS, the position of clerk is one of the oldest in local government, dating at least to biblical times, and whose term has long been associated with the written word; so, it is that modern-day clerks are official recordkeepers for their counties.

WHEREAS, North Carolina law require boards of county commissioners to appoint a clerk, serving at the pleasure of the board.

WHEREAS, the clerk's most significant statutory duties concern the preparation, filing and safeguarding of local government records, but the statutory duties constitute only a portion of what the clerk actually does.

WHEREAS, the clerk plays a vital role in county government and provides the written record needed to ensure that the board is accountable to the county's citizens and to other public and private officials.

WHEREAS, the clerk is sometimes described as "the hub of the wheel" in local government because of the central work that the clerk plays in the government's communication network.

WHEREAS, as local government becomes larger and more complicated, the clerk's role as a professional, dispassionate provider of information to citizens, government officials, and the media becomes more and more important.

WHEREAS, Clerks have the opportunity to participate in the North Carolina Association of County Clerks, a very active professional association of public officials dedicated to improving

the professional competency of clerks through regular regional and statewide educational opportunities.

WHEREAS, in cooperation with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government and International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC), the North Carolina Association of County Clerks helps to sponsor a nationally recognized examination-based certification program that culminates in receipt of the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk.

WHEREAS, in addition, the North Carolina Association of County Clerks and the School of Government sponsor state certification programs leading to the designation of North Carolina Certified County Clerk, as well as opportunities for experienced clerks to obtain the continuing professional education needed to remain state-certified or to earn an advanced Master Clerk designation.

WHEREAS, in addition to conducting education programs, the North Carolina Association of County Clerks also directly assists clerks on the job with mentoring programs to provide guidance to assist clerks in their day-to-day work.

WHEREAS, Clerks, upon their own initiative, participate in these certification and education programs, including annual meetings of the North Carolina Association of County Clerks and the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, which not only improve the operation of their office, but through their achievements and awards bring favorable publicity to the counties in which they serve.

WHEREAS, Clerks are involved at the state level, as well as in potential legislative and other matters of interest.

WHEREAS, although clerks work for the boards of county commissioners, they truly provide public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the week of May 3 through May 9, 2026, as Professional Clerks to the Boards of County Commissioners' Week, and extends appreciation to Caldwell County Clerk to the Board, Tasha Brown, and to all County Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the county they represent.

Adopted this 27th day of April 2026.

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Randy T. Church, Chairman	**Donnie Potter**
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Michael W. LaBrose, Vice Chairman	**Patrick Starnes**
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Jeff Branch	**Attest: Tasha Brown, Clerk to the Board**