

PROCLAMATION

**National Animal Care and Control Officer Appreciation Week
April 12–18, 2026**

Whereas, the National Animal Care and Control Association has designated the second full week of April as National Animal Care and Control Officer Appreciation Week; and

Whereas, Animal Control Officers and Animal Care Staff perform essential duties including enforcing animal laws, responding to animal-related emergencies, investigating cruelty and neglect, protecting the public from diseases such as rabies, and ensuring humane treatment of animals in their care; and

Whereas, these professionals regularly face challenging and sometimes hazardous situations to safeguard both residents and animals, while also educating pet owners, reuniting lost pets with families, and helping place adoptable animals into loving homes; and

Whereas, Atascosa County sincerely appreciates the ongoing commitment, compassion, and professionalism demonstrated daily by all Animal Control Officers, Animal Care Staff, and volunteers serving our community through Atascosa County Animal Control

Now, Therefore, I, Atascosa County Judge Weldon P. Cude,
Atascosa County Judge, on behalf of Atascosa County, do hereby proclaim April 12–18, 2026 as:

National Animal Care and Control Officer Appreciation Week

and encourage all residents to join us in expressing sincere gratitude for the service and dedication of those who protect the wellbeing of animals and our community.

Proclaimed this 13th day of April, 2026.

Signature

Atascosa County Judge