

STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Texas' thriving entrepreneurial culture is the driving force behind our state's economic success. More than 99 percent of Texas businesses are small businesses, employing nearly half of all working Texans. The 3.5 million small businesses in Texas flourish in our state's probusiness environment, that includes robust support systems for small businesses, with local chambers of commerce at the forefront. The important work of these chambers strengthens local businesses of all sizes and leads to a bigger and better Texas.

Chambers of Commerce in Texas serve as advocates and support networks for their local business communities by connecting citizens with valuable resources, fostering growth and expansion, enhancing workforce development opportunities, and promoting community interests. The local chambers also assess issues and trends within their communities and offer resources to help local businesses succeed. A vital component of the Texas economy, chambers of commerce significantly impact small business owners by cultivating productive partnerships, strengthening business visibility and credibility, and conducting legislative advocacy in their favor.

Collaboration among local businesses, chambers of commerce, and government entities has helped uphold Texas' status as a powerhouse in economic development. Texas has been named the Best State for Business a record-shattering 21 years in a row and has won the prestigious Governor's Cup—presented to the state with the most corporate relocation and expansion projects—for 13 consecutive years.

Each year, a week in October is set aside in order to celebrate the important work of chambers of commerce in communities throughout the state. I encourage all Texans to convey gratitude to their local chambers of commerce for supporting the growth of local businesses and entrepreneurs. During Chamber of Commerce Week and throughout the year, may we recognize these organizations as an integral part of the state's economic prosperity.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 13–17, 2025, to be

Chamber of Commerce Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 22nd day of September, 2025.

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Governor of Texas