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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Texas' thriving entrepreneurial spirit is a driving force behind our state's economic success. With small businesses comprising 99.8 percent of Texas businesses and employing nearly half of all working Texans, these enterprises are essential to the strength of our economy. Our state's pro-business environment, coupled with the support of local chambers of commerce, provides entrepreneurs and businesses with opportunities to grow, create jobs, and contribute to a bigger and better Texas.

Chambers of commerce throughout Texas work to build stronger communities by expanding economic opportunities and supporting the needs of local businesses. Through business retention and expansion efforts, workforce development initiatives, networking opportunities, and valuable resources and services, these organizations help businesses succeed while improving quality of life for their communities. Chambers also monitor local issues and trends, strengthen the visibility and credibility of businesses, and advocate for policies that support the interests of their members.

The collaboration among local businesses, chambers of commerce, and government entities has helped uphold Texas' status as a powerhouse in economic development. By supporting entrepreneurs and small businesses, the backbone of the Texas economy, chambers help create new opportunities, strengthen communities, and foster a positive vision for the future. We are honored to work alongside these organizations as they continue contributing to the prosperity of the Lone Star State.

Each October, Chamber of Commerce Week is celebrated to recognize the important work of chambers in communities across our state. I encourage all Texans to express gratitude to their local chambers of commerce for strengthening businesses, supporting entrepreneurs, and creating opportunities for their communities. During this observance and throughout the year, may we recognize these organizations for their invaluable contributions to Texas' continued economic prosperity.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 19 – 23, 2026, 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 2nd day of October, 2026.

Governor of Texas