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Autism spectrum disorder is a lifelong neurological disorder causing difficulty with communication and social interaction. Typically appearing in early childhood, autism can cause a range of symptoms such as lack of language and eye contact. Some also have intellectual disabilities, while others have highly acute, specialized savant skills.

Although the exact cause is unknown, early intervention and various therapy programs can reduce or nearly eliminate symptoms, ensuring a lifetime of success in socialization and the professional world.

Each year, the month of April is dedicated to educating the public about autism, highlighting the need for early intervention and encouraging continued research into this disorder.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the challenges and unique perspectives of individuals with autism and to recognize the families and health care professionals supporting Texans with autism and working toward a cure.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2018 to be

Autism Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 20th day of March, 2018.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas