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There are more than 400,000 Texans with developmental disabilities. These individuals have the same hopes and dreams as all Texans – to be self-determined, work and earn a living, practice their faith, and be included in their community. People with developmental disabilities have unique abilities and experiences that contribute to our state’s rich diversity and heritage, just like all Texans. Throughout our state’s history, people with developmental disabilities have utilized their unique abilities to make the Lone Star State a better place for all Texans.

Texas is a stronger place when people of all abilities are included in community life. Students with developmental disabilities who are included in the classroom with their nondisabled peers are more likely to achieve their full academic potential. When people with disabilities are included in the general workforce, they have an opportunity to earn a competitive wage, work as part of a team, and impact the local economy. People with developmental disabilities who are included and active in their communities generally live longer, healthier lives and are more likely to give back to their communities. When inclusion happens, communities in Texas are stronger.

Each year, March is designated to raise awareness about developmental disabilities and highlight the importance of including people of all abilities in all aspects of community life. This month, Texans can raise awareness about how classrooms, workplaces, houses of worship, and communities are stronger when they include people of all abilities. I encourage all Texans to raise awareness about developmental disabilities and support full inclusion and equality for these remarkable Texans.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 2019 to be

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 22nd day of February, 2019.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas