



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texans with disabilities are an important part of the fabric and tapestry of the Lone Star State. Throughout our state's history, people with disabilities have filled our highest offices, blazed trails, made their communities better, and contributed greatly to our culture. Exemplars of the remarkable qualities of the Texas spirit—courage, independence, and ingenuity—Texans with disabilities are a critical voice in our society.

Civic engagement is one of the greatest responsibilities we have as Texans, and voting is just one way people with disabilities can make their voices heard as we work toward a brighter future for all Texans. Their unique perspective and critical interest and voice in policies enacted at the local, state, and national levels ensure our communities and society are inclusive for all Texans and Americans. Texans with disabilities sometimes face challenges in accessing their right to vote, but we must ensure they are intimately involved in shaping public policy in order to meet the real needs of the disability community.

Each July, we recognize a week as National Disability Voter Registration Week. Not only as the governor of Texas, but as a Texan with a disability myself, I encourage all Texans to support the many efforts to highlight the importance of voting rights for the disability community and to learn more about voter registration and accommodations available to voters with disabilities. We are a stronger state when all Texans are involved in the democratic process.

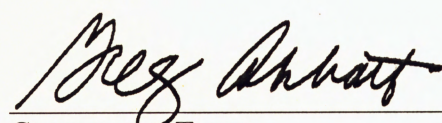
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim July 13-17, 2020, to be

## **Disability Voter Registration Week**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

  
Governor of Texas