

Texans with disabilities have always played an important role in the Lone Star State. Demonstrating the remarkable qualities which are characteristic of the Texas spirit—courage, independence, and ingenuity—they have filled some of our highest offices, fought in historic battles, and contributed to the art and culture of our state. Texas would not be Texas without their passion, their unique perspectives, and their dedicated work to leaving Texas a better place than they found it.

Each year, October is designated as Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month in Texas. This year is especially notable, as it coincides with the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. We celebrate the many Texans with disabilities who have shaped our history and recognize the work that remains to ensure full civil rights and equal opportunity for all.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the achievements of Texans with disabilities and about the disability rights movement in the story of Texas. As activities across our state commemorate this month, I am proud of the motivating principle behind our celebrations: that Texas' finest resource is the people who call it home.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2020 to be

Persons with Disabilities History and Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 21st day of September, 2020.

Governor of Texas