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A lifelong neurological condition, autism affects 1 in 36 people worldwide, impeding communication and social interaction. Although most diagnoses occur during childhood, autism impacts people of all ages, and since detection has become more accurate, many patients are diagnosed for the first time as adults.

Described as a disorder on a spectrum, autism does not have a single root cause. Early diagnosis and intervention—along with speech, occupational, and social interaction therapies—can help people with autism lead fruitful and fulfilling lives. Individuals with autism have unique abilities and experiences, and this diversity of talent has contributed to the success of our great state and beyond.

In Texas, we know that it is not our challenges that define us, but rather how we rise above them. Each year, the month of April is set aside to educate the public about autism, highlight the need for early diagnosis and intervention, advocate for continued research, and celebrate Texans with autism.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the unique perspectives of individuals with autism and to support them, their families, and their health care providers.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2024 to be

Autism Awareness and Acceptance Month



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 13th day of March, 2024.



Governor of Texas