



# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR



*To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings:  
Know ye that this official recognition is presented in recognition of the:*

### 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act

July 26, 2021

*The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, by President George H.W. Bush, who called it a long overdue "independence day" for Americans with disabilities. The ADA was the first comprehensive civil rights law prohibiting discrimination against individuals with disabilities, and guarantees equal opportunity in public accommodations, employment, transportation, and many other areas. The ADA ensures accessibility and full inclusion for all those with disabilities, empowering all people to rise above their circumstances and achieve their dreams.*

*Thirty-one years later, census data shows there are over forty million Americans with a disability that benefit from this landmark legislation. Through continued commitment to fairness and equality of opportunity, we can ensure a better and brighter future for all residents of the Lone Star State.*

*At this time, I am happy to celebrate the anniversary of the ADA and the many ways it has contributed to the disability rights movement. I am also proud to recognize the work of many dedicated Texans who helped make this legislation a reality: from President Bush to ADA architect Lex Frieden and former Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities Chair Justin Dart. Their unwavering commitment, as well as the dedication of countless others who support Texans with disabilities, have ensured that all people have an opportunity to pursue their own American Dream.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging all Texans to celebrate the anniversary of the historic legislation. Together, we can work to create a state that is accessible and inclusive for all Texans.*



*In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas