



THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR



*To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official certificate commemorates the*

34th Anniversary

of the

Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law on this day in 1990 by President Bush, marked a watershed moment in the disability rights movement. The bipartisan legislation has, for over three decades, enabled people with disabilities to participate more fully in our society, and moreover, it affirms the inherent worth and dignity of all Americans—regardless of ability status.

We know in Texas that it is not our challenges that define us, but rather how we rise above them, and the ADA empowers people with disabilities to do so in virtually every domain of public life. On this anniversary and hereafter, may we reflect upon the experiences of people with disabilities and the crucial roles they play in the larger story of our nation.

Proudly, Texas has never shied away from advocating for equal disability rights, and on this day, we honor and recognize leaders of the disability rights movement. In addition to Texas' very own George H. W. Bush, Justin Dart and Lex Frieden have embodied the spirit of justice and equality that defines our people and have ensured that each of us has a chance to pursue the great American Dream. While Mr. Dart has since passed, we continue to honor his legacy as the "father of the ADA" and as the very first chair of the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

Additionally, we applaud Mr. Frieden for a lifetime of efforts in the independent living movement and for his pivotal role in the creation of the ADA.

First Lady, Cecilia Abbot joins me in encouraging all Texans to celebrate this anniversary, July 26, 2024, with befitting ceremonies and activities.

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 18th day of June, 2024.



Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas