




THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official certificate commemorates the
35th anniversary of the*

Americans with Disabilities Act

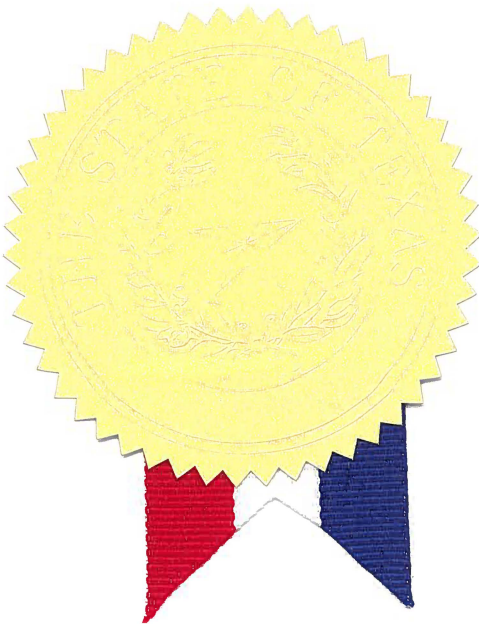
The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law in 1990 by President Bush, marked a significant turning point in the disability rights movement. The ADA serves as a landmark piece of civil rights legislation, ensuring that people with disabilities have equal access, opportunities, and protection under the law. Its impact extends beyond the law, helping shape a more inclusive and equitable culture where everyone can reach their full potential.

We know in Texas that it is not our challenges that define us, but rather how we rise above them, and the ADA enables people with disabilities to do so in virtually every domain of public life. As somebody with a disability myself, I know well that disability does not define who we are as human beings. Nothing can stand between a Texan and our ambitions.

There are millions of Texans with disabilities across our state who help power our strong economy and positively impact our communities. Over the past three and a half decades, the ADA has advanced inclusion efforts like accessible transportation, inclusive education, and employment protections, which has contributed significantly to greater independence and a flourishing society.

On this anniversary and hereafter, we must reflect upon the experiences of people with disabilities, the existing challenges, and how full equity and inclusion are still ongoing. Furthermore, this occasion provides an opportunity to recognize the policymakers, businesses, educators, and civic leaders who advocate for people with disabilities. They embody the spirit of the law and the voices of those it protects, so we can continue to build a society where every person thrives.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging all Texans to celebrate this anniversary, July 26, 2025, 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 10th day
of June, 2025.*

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas