



**STATE OF TEXAS
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Autism, a lifelong neurological condition, affects 1 in 36 people worldwide. Although most patients are diagnosed in childhood, many are diagnosed as adults due to improvements in detection. As awareness increases about autism and its impacts, such as communication and social impediments, so too does the use of detection tools.

There is no single root cause of autism, which is described as a disorder on a spectrum. Early diagnosis and interventions such as speech, occupational, and social interaction therapies allow individuals with autism to lead fulfilling lives. People with autism have unique perspectives and abilities, and their talents and experiences enhance our great state.

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

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about autism as we support the individuals, healthcare providers, and loved ones who work tirelessly to improve outcomes. Together, we can celebrate those with autism and their stories.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2025 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 25th day of March, 2025.

A handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

Governor of Texas