



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Today, it is estimated that over 600,000 individuals in Texas have developmental disabilities. These individuals aspire to the very same hopes and dreams we all cherish as Texans, including self-sufficiency, finding fulfilling work, practicing one's faith, and making a difference. People with developmental disabilities have unique skills and perspectives, but they also face unique challenges. Throughout our history, these Texans have made the Lone Star State a better place for us all.

Texas is better off when all citizens can flourish, so we must commit ourselves to do everything possible to facilitate personal and professional success for people with developmental disabilities. When these students are included in classroom settings outside of special education, they are more likely to achieve their full academic potential. By the same token, when people with disabilities are included in the workforce, they have an opportunity to earn a competitive wage, work as a valued team member, and support our state's unrivaled economy. Our state and nation thrive when inclusion becomes the norm.

Each year, the month of March is set aside to raise awareness about developmental disabilities and to show solidarity with affected individuals, their families, and their care providers as we emphasize the importance of inclusion in every aspect of life. During this observance and hereafter, Texans can learn about how classrooms, workplaces, houses of worship, and communities are stronger when they include people of all abilities.

At this time, I encourage my fellow Texans to raise awareness about developmental disabilities and to continue the work toward full inclusion and equality for all.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 2026 to be

Developmental Disabilities Awareness 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 5th day of February, 2026.



Governor of Texas