




THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

Global Accessibility Awareness Day

May 15, 2025

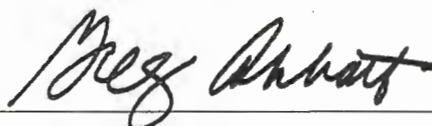
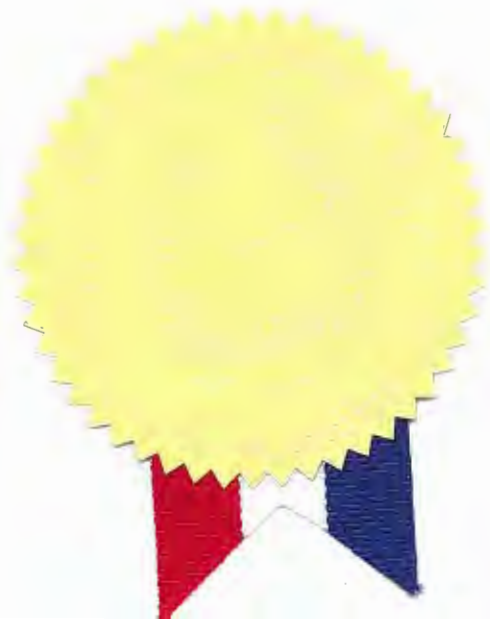
When we focus on digital access and inclusion for the one billion people living with disabilities, the world becomes a better place. The Lone Star State is truly at its best when everyone can fully participate in society, but unfortunately, technology has created barriers to digital access for Texans with disabilities. Global accessibility ensures that everyone, including people with disabilities, can access and participate in the digital world, fostering a more equitable and vibrant society.

Accessibility ensures that people with disabilities can find information and services to fully participate in society. The negative consequences of not recognizing the importance of web accessibility can lead to exclusion and marginalization in areas of education, employment, and social interaction. We must take a stand, raise awareness, and educate citizens to close the digital divide by taking inclusive measures such as adding captions, audio descriptions, and alternative text to images; disabling algorithmic biases; and incorporating accessibility features. This inclusive approach to digital design can help people overcome visual, auditory, motor, and cognitive barriers.

Each year, a day is set aside to shed light on accessibility features and to remind us all of the importance of accommodation. I urge all organizations to recognize and prioritize digital accessibility as a core requirement in the culture of technology. During this observance and hereafter, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the role that digital accessibility plays in the journey toward a stronger, fairer future.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging all Texans to observe Global Accessibility Awareness Day with appropriate programs 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 15th day of
April, 2025.*



Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas