

THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

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 16, 2024

All people, regardless of their ability status, have the potential to contribute to their communities. Our state is at its best when everyone is able to participate fully in society, but unfortunately, Texans with disabilities experience many barriers to access. The disability rights movement has long sought to improve our physical and social environment, and in that same spirit, we must ensure that digital spaces are accessible.

An inclusive approach to digital design can help people overcome visual, auditory, motor, and cognitive barriers, and given the ubiquity of the internet today, these features are nothing short of essential. Ultimately, these design elements help Texans with disabilities lead the most productive lives possible, and we should support online accessibility as best we can.

Each year, a day is set aside to shed light on accessibility features and to remind us all of the importance of accommodation. Through digital access features, we can help people unlock their full potential and, by so doing, promote prosperity and security throughout our state. During this observance and hereafter, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the important 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 befitting 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 13th day of May, 2024

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Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas