

STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Throughout our history, Texans have worked hard, cared for their neighbors, and passed down the values of faith, family, and freedom. Older Texans stand as a living embodiment of this legacy, and they have profoundly shaped our beloved state. Today, as a result of medical, technological, and economic progress, Texans lead longer lives than ever before, and we, in turn, must support Texans of advanced age as best we can.

With each passing day, thousands celebrate their sixty-fifth birthday, and the proportion of older individuals within our population continuously increases. These men and women deserve our appreciation not only for what they have done, but also *for who they are*. They are parents, grandparents, teachers, mentors, and friends, and they have built and sustained the great Texas Miracle; they therefore deserve our steadfast support in their golden years.

Accordingly, in every corner of this great state, families, churches, nonprofits, and dedicated professionals work tirelessly to support and uplift Texans of advanced age. Federal, state, and local programs also provide critical assistance, from health services to financial protection, thus ensuring that older individuals can enjoy their latter years with dignity and security.

At the most fundamental level, though, the responsibility of caring for our elders falls to each of us on an individual level. As members of a compassionate society, we are bound by duty and conscience to cherish those who came before us. By lending a helping hand, volunteering at a senior center, or simply spending time with an older individual, each of us can make a meaningful difference in the lives of the elderly.

Each year, the month of May is set aside in order to celebrate older Texans. This observance invites us to reflect upon the legacy of those who have shaped our state and to reaffirm our commitment to them. All Texans, regardless of age, must be valued, respected, and supported; may we use Older Texans Month as an opportunity to express our gratitude, strengthen the bonds between generations, and build a future worthy of those who have given us so much.

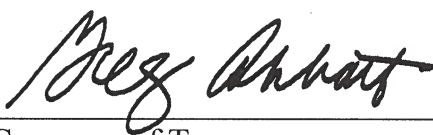
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 2025 to be

Older Texans 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 27th day of February, 2025.


Governor of Texas