

STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Diversity adds to the spirit and vitality of our great state, populated by people of all races, nationalities, and backgrounds. African Americans, in particular, have long contributed to the rich, varied, and remarkable history of our people, and we recognize the impact they continue to make in Texas and America.

African Americans have left an indelible mark upon the Lone Star State. Politicians such as Barbara Jordan inspired Texans from all walks of life to take their place in the pantheon of government service. Military heroes like Richard Overton and Doris "Dorie" Miller shattered stereotypes while answering the call of country. Their indomitable spirit will live forever in the hearts and minds of fellow Texans.

Each year, the month of February is set aside to honor the sacrifices, tribulations, and triumphs that define African American history. We acknowledge the accomplishments of the inspiring African Americans of the past and of the influential African Americans of today.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to take pride in our rich tapestry of community and to strengthen the bonds that unite us as one indivisible nation.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 2024 to be

Black History 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 4th day of January, 2024.

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Governor of Texas