



STATE OF TEXAS
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Fentanyl is the deadliest drug threat the State of Texas—and the United States—has ever faced. Fifty times more potent than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine, just two milligrams of fentanyl, a dose barely visible to the human eye, is lethal. Nearly half of all drug-poisoning deaths last year were related to fentanyl, making it the single deadliest drug in American history.

Fentanyl is now the leading killer of Americans between the ages of 18 and 49. Lives lost to fentanyl poisoning in Texas increased to 600% from 2019 to 2023, taking the lives of more than 7,000 innocent Texans. It is vital that we remember the lives lost and continue to raise awareness on the ongoing danger of this crisis.

In 2022, I launched the statewide, comprehensive “One Pill Kills” campaign to educate the public on the deadly fentanyl crisis that endangers Texans of all ages. By providing valuable resources on the dangers of fentanyl, Texans learn how to prevent, recognize, and reverse fentanyl poisonings and the heartbreaking true stories of lives lost to deadly fentanyl. Texas state agencies, lawmakers, researchers, and law enforcement officials continue working side-by-side to develop new solutions to help save countless lives.

Across Texas and the United States, people unknowingly make a deadly decision by taking pills laced with fentanyl and lose their lives as a result. This year, President Donald J. Trump signed the HALT Fentanyl Act into law, marking a major turning point in the nation’s response to the fentanyl epidemic. The Act made the temporary class-wide scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances permanent, helping law enforcement keep these extremely lethal and dangerous drugs off our streets.

Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month is a life-saving effort to protect our friends, family members, and loved ones from this clandestine killer. We must remember the lives lost to deadly fentanyl poisoning and ensure that every Texan educated on the fentanyl crisis plaguing our state and nation. Together, we can raise awareness, honor those we've lost, and take action to protect innocent lives.

I encourage my fellow Texans of all ages to speak openly and have meaningful conversations about the dangers of fentanyl as we recognize Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month to help save lives and fight for a future free from fentanyl poisoning. One pill kills, but if we work together, we can bring about a better, brighter future in which no Texan loses a loved one to fentanyl poisoning.

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

Fentanyl Poisoning 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 30th day of September, 2025.


Governor of Texas