



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*

The 75th Anniversary of India Independence Day

August 15, 2022

As Governor of Texas, it is my honor to extend best wishes as you celebrate the 75th anniversary of Indian independence.

After nearly a century of oppressive colonial rule, the visionary Mahatma Gandhi mounted a tireless, nonviolent campaign that sought deliverance from the subjugation of the British Raj. In so doing, he paved the way for the 1947 Indian Independence Act, which ushered in a new age of freedom, justice, and security for the people of India. The resultant celebrations of 1947 resonate still to this day, and we must continue to commemorate and recognize the extraordinary work of the brave men and women who brought an entire subcontinent's dreams to fruition.

The United States—whose story of origin parallels that of India—has always been a melting pot of cultures, and the Lone Star State has benefited from this wealth of diversity since its inception. Both India and the United States are vibrant democracies with open, multicultural societies, and our partnership has helped to build both nations into pillars of freedom and prosperity that are emulated around the globe. This longstanding cooperation now encompasses a broad swath of industries, from robust energy production to a burgeoning tech sector.

Across Texas, communities of Indian immigrants and Americans of Indian descent have long called our state home. They have played an important role in making Texas the best place to live, work, and raise a family. As our largest democratic ally, I have no doubt that the collaboration between our nations will ensure the prosperity of our peoples for generations to come. As you celebrate your independence, I encourage you to reflect on the traditions and values that have shaped India over the course of its history, for they will continue to guide your people toward a better and brighter future for all.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing the very best as you celebrate this momentous occasion in your nation's history.



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 12th day of August, 2022.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas