




# 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*

# Kosovo Independence Day

February 17, 2025

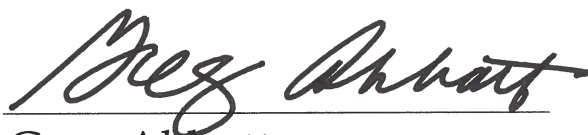
*Driven by an unwavering commitment to democratic principles, the Republic of Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia on February 17, 2008. Kosovo's emergence as a self-governing nation that values sovereignty and self-determination has, for seventeen years, showcased their place on the world's stage.*

*Texas has long been home to communities of Americans of Albanian descent. These valued Texans have enriched the Lone Star State's cultural landscape and have made innumerable contributions in fields as diverse as business, academia, medicine, and the arts. The bond between Texas and Kosovo is unique, strengthened by the shared values of democracy, liberty, and rule of law, and it is exemplified by the service of the Texas National Guardsmen, who stood as peacekeepers in Kosovo prior to its independence. Our nations are connected through mutual respect of our rich histories and traditions, and we are proud of the important relationship we share with Kosovo.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes for Kosovo's continued prosperity.*



*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 3rd day of May, 2024.*



Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas