



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

As the single deadliest drug in United States history, fentanyl is the leading killer of Americans between the ages of 18 and 49. 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. Just one pill kills. Taking the lives of more than 7,000 innocent Texans from 2019 to 2023, fentanyl poisoning has sparked an urgent need for fentanyl poisoning awareness education in our state.

In 2022, I launched the statewide “One Pill Kills” campaign to raise awareness and educate Texans on the dangers of fentanyl. Designed to combat the growing national fentanyl crisis plaguing Texas and beyond, it sparked meaningful conversations about deadly fentanyl and solutions to save more lives from this national crisis.

Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week plays a significant role in Texas’ efforts to ensure all Texans, particularly our children, know about the dangers of deadly fentanyl. It aims to educate students about the threats posed by and the risks associated with fentanyl. Students and families need to know one pill kills and that prescription pills or other substances may be laced with deadly levels of fentanyl, such as painkillers, stimulants, anti-anxiety drugs, and even candy.

Two years ago, I signed several laws to combat the fentanyl crisis, including House Bill 3908—Tucker’s Law—that requires public schools to provide research-based instruction on fentanyl abuse, prevention, and poisoning awareness to Texas middle and high school students. Grades 6 through 12 are formative years for young Texans, and by teaching them life-saving lessons about the deadly danger of fentanyl, we can protect their lives and their futures. Additionally, school administrators and staff are equipped with emergency response protocols and life-saving opioid poisoning reversal medication, such as NARCAN, that can save countless innocent lives.

I encourage Texans of all ages to recognize Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week and join the fight against the fentanyl crisis by learning more about fentanyl and helping to protect our children from this danger. By so doing, we will ensure that our children, our future generation of leaders, can live out their dreams.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim the period from October 12 through October 18, 2025, to be

Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Week



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 8th day of October, 2025.

A handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

Governor of Texas