



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A Message from the Governor in honor of:

Patriot Day
September 11, 2021

Today marks twenty years since that Tuesday morning when the United States came face-to-face with tragedy and destruction in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. These senseless acts of violence brought unimaginable suffering and tragedy to scores of Americans across our country, and claimed the lives of 3,000 of our fellow men and women. Over the course of a single morning, we lost family members, friends, loved ones, coworkers—each one with hopes and dreams. Twenty years later, we still feel their loss.

In the shock of grief that followed, and in the void their absence created, what Americans found was solace in one another. In one of our nation's darkest days, we united in the face of evil and uncertainty. And while we witnessed the unbelievable destruction wrought upon our nation, we also witnessed incredible acts of bravery, from law enforcement officers and first responders who charged into buildings to rescue their fellow Americans, to regular citizens who stepped up to help in a time of need.

As we committed to honoring the fallen, we dedicated ourselves to protecting our freedom and acting as a shining example of democracy throughout the world. The aftermath of the attacks on September 11, 2001 proved that Americans are stronger together, and in order to continue this pursuit we must rededicate ourselves to this goal.

Today, I encourage my fellow Texans to pause in remembrance of the innocent lives lost on September 11, 2001. As we united in the face of destruction and tragedy, let us once again remember the enduring patriotism that binds us together as one nation. Together, we will be a guiding light for generations to come.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in commemorating this solemn occasion.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor