



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Freedom is regarded as precious, and rightly so. As members of a grateful society, we cannot forget those who pay the price for it: our peace officers. These brave men and women risk their safety, their security, and their very lives for the sake of their fellow man. They protect our people and, moreover, our way of life, and they are therefore worthy of the highest praise a nation can bestow.

From the Gulf Coast to the High Plains, men and women in uniform embody our state's tradition of selfless service. In dire emergencies and in the routine course of duty, they stand as a bulwark against disorder, destruction, and violence. Answering the call to serve, peace officers face extraordinary danger with unflinching bravery, and tragically, many give the last full measure of devotion in the line of duty.

Each loss leaves in its wake a devastated family and a deeply indebted community. The entire state shares in this mourning, and as we pay tribute to those taken too soon, we must remember that words alone are simply not enough. We owe it to our fallen peace officers—and to the cause for which they died—to support their survivors as best we can, to keep their memory alive, and to ensure that our heroic first responders can return home safely after every shift.

To that end, Texans from all walks of life unite each year to honor our fallen peace officers and to pledge undying loyalty to our law enforcement officials. During this observance and hereafter, may we reflect upon the freedom and security purchased on our behalf, and may we do our part to support the modern-day American heroes among us. Never before have peace officers faced such far-reaching demands. Consequently, peace officers deserve our support now more than ever, and in the Lone Star State, they will always have it.

At this time, I encourage my fellow Texans to prayerfully consider the lives lost in the line of duty, to learn more about the extraordinary valor of our peace officers, and to draw upon their example of selfless sacrifice. These peace officers and their families represent the very best of the Lone Star State, and their legacy will live on through the communities they made safer and stronger.

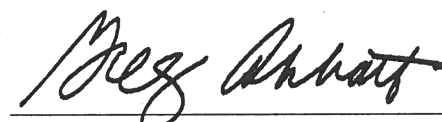
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2024, and the period from May 12 to May 18, 2024, respectively, to be

Peace Officers Memorial Day & 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 15th day of May, 2024.


Governor of Texas