



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The actions of the brave allow us to live free in this great land we call home. Throughout Texas, from our most populous cities to our most rural counties, the men and women who dedicate their lives and careers to law enforcement continue to strengthen the safety and security of all Texans. Often risking their own safety and livelihoods, these honorable peace officers enforce our laws and respond to the dire needs of people throughout their communities. When met with dangerous or uncertain situations, law enforcement officers boldly and bravely answer the call to serve and protect Texans across our state.

It is evident that, in this changing world, liberty does not come without cost, and sadly, many brave peace officers do not return home. The same men and women who work day and night to serve and protect the lives of their fellow Texans too often lose their own lives in the line of duty. We grieve their loss, pay tribute to their service, and keep their loved ones in our hearts as they carry on their legacy of courage and excellence. We must also continue to stand with their fellow officers and support their courageous efforts to keep Texas safe in the face of clear and present dangers.

With deep gratitude for their service, Texans come together each year to pay special tribute to the brave peace officers throughout our state, as well as to our fallen heroes. We must recommit ourselves to understanding the significant risks taken on by all law enforcement officers, from peace officers to corrections and detention officers, and we must continue to honor their service to our communities and to our state.

At this time, I encourage everyone to join me in honoring our fellow Texans who, for our sake, have laid down their lives; they deserve our honor and respect. As Governor of Texas, I commend these brave men and women for their many sacrifices and thank them for keeping Texas safe.

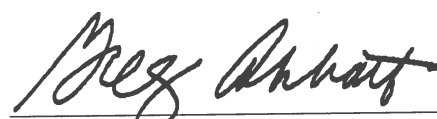
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 15, 2021, and May 9-15, 2021, respectively, to be

## **Peace Officers Memorial Day and Week**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

  
Governor of Texas