



# 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:*

## Indian Independence Day

August 15, 2021

*As Governor of Texas, it is my honor to extend best wishes as you commence celebration for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indian independence.*

*After generations of subjugation under British rule and a long campaign of nonviolent protests led by Mahatma Gandhi, the 1947 Indian Independence Act ushered in a new age of freedom for the people of India. Just as the Indian people welcomed their newfound sovereignty on August 15, 1947, we must continue to celebrate and recognize the work that was accomplished in making the dream of an independent India a reality.*

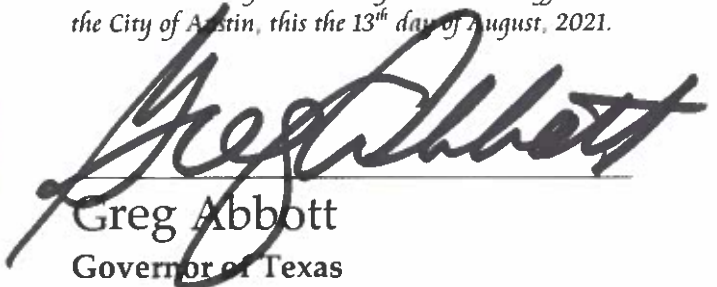
*The United States has always been a melting pot of cultures, and the Lone Star State has experienced this wealth of diversity since its inception. India and the United States are natural partners with vibrant democracies and open, multicultural societies whose partnership encompasses a broad swath of industries, from our robust energy production to a growing tech sector.*

*Across Texas, communities of Indian immigrants and Americans of Indian descent have long called our state home and have played an important role in making Texas the best place to live, work, and raise a family. As India will remain our largest democratic ally, I have no doubt that this global partnership will continue to ensure the future successes of our people for generations to come. As you celebrate your independence, I encourage you to reflect on the traditions that have shaped India over the course of its history and will continue to guide your people as you work to build a better and brighter future for all.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing the very best as you count down to celebrate this momentous occasion in your nation's history.*

*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 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.*



  
Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas