




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*

Overdose Awareness Day

August 31, 2022

In America, over 932,000 people have died from drug overdoses since 1999. In 2021 alone, over 100,000 Americans lost their lives due to drug overdoses, nearly 5,000 of whom were Texans. These disturbing statistics show that drug abuse and addiction are serious public health issues that continue to affect our state and nation. While these numbers are daunting, they fail to showcase the strength and compassion of the many Texans who have come together to combat this terrible epidemic.

In Texas, we recognize Overdose Awareness Day to give greater attention to the issues of addiction and overdose, dismantle the stigma that inhibits people from receiving necessary treatment, educate the public about the issues, and remember those who have lost their lives to drug overdose. I commend you on your efforts to raise awareness about drug overdoses as well as drug abuse and addiction, support the individuals and families affected, and advocate for vital research and treatment. Thanks to your efforts, we can and will create a better and brighter future for the Lone Star State.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you the best.



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 23rd day of June, 2022.



Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas