



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texans strive to uphold our nation's founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and every Texan deserves the ability to pursue their own American Dream unimpeded, with the safety and security afforded to them by a responsible and compassionate society. Unfortunately, the heinous crime of sexual assault affects people of all walks of life, and it must be rooted out and stopped. These terrible acts leave survivors with severe physical and emotional scars, and often have a destructive effect on the lives of victims' families and friends. As Texans, and as members of a caring and just society, we must embrace the right of all citizens to live safely and securely. Across Texas, professionals and volunteers remain committed to invaluable work in crime prevention, law enforcement, and victim support, helping to create a brighter, safer future for all who call Texas home. Together, Texans can help end the terrible pain inflicted by sexual assault and help survivors and their loved ones find healing.

Our state is extremely grateful for the courage shown by survivors, who bravely share their stories and lend their voices to this cause, as well as for the many law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, and organizations like the Governor's Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force, who continue to fight for the safety of all Texans. In order to honor the courage of survivors across our state, and in an effort to remain vigilant and stand with them in solidarity, we must continue to bring awareness to sexual assault and advocate for survivors.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to join me in renewing our commitment to ending sexual assault and empowering survivors. Texans are not overcome when faced with adversity; together, we can protect the vulnerable, help victims find healing, and bring offenders to justice. When we come together on behalf of those harmed by this terrible crime, we will ensure a brighter future for all.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April to be

Sexual Assault Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
6th day of April, 2021.


Governor of Texas