



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Every Texan deserves the ability to pursue their own American Dream unimpeded, and it is incumbent upon us all to uphold our nation's founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Unfortunately, the heinous crime of sexual assault affects people of all walks of life. These appalling acts leave survivors with severe physical and emotional scars, and often have a destructive effect on the lives of victims' families and friends. As members of a caring and just society, we must embrace the right of all citizens to live safely and securely—and we must continue working to root out and stop sexual assault.

Across our state, professionals and volunteers remain vigilant in their invaluable work in crime prevention, law enforcement, and victim support, creating a brighter, safer future for all who call Texas home. By working 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. To honor the courage of survivors across our state and to stand with them in solidarity, we must continue advocating for survivors and raising awareness of sexual assault, supporting the individuals and organizations who work to prevent these crimes.

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

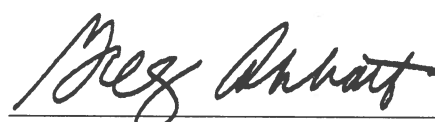
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2022 to be

Sexual Assault Awareness Month



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
1st day of April, 2022.


Governor of Texas