



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The heinous crime of sexual assault affects people in all walks of life. These terrible acts of physical brutality also leave survivors with severe emotional scars and have a destructive effect on the lives of victims' families and friends. As Texans, and as members of a caring and just society, we embrace the right of all citizens to live safely and securely. With that goal in mind, professionals and volunteers across Texas remain committed to invaluable work in crime prevention, law enforcement, and victim support, helping to create a brighter, safer future for all Texans.

In 2019, the 86th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 2298, which established January 28th as Sexual Assault Survivors Day to bring awareness to the issue of sexual assault and to recognize the courage of survivors throughout Texas. 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 relentlessly 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 January 28, 2021, to be

Sexual Assault Survivors Day



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
28th day of January, 2021.

A handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

Governor of Texas