



## GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

In Texas, we boast a strong and robust economy thanks to our business-focused climate, which supports growth, prosperity, and upward mobility. Our economic environment encourages competition and innovation, keeping the Lone Star State at the forefront of business and industry in the United States. This fertile economic landscape also yields some of the best and brightest Texas entrepreneurs, and this entrepreneurial spirit is showcased in the economic power and resilience of our small businesses. The history of Texas is marked by the tireless contributions of entrepreneurs and adventurers who were unafraid of the hard work necessary to blazing new trails or the risk involved in charting new paths, and this legacy has ensured that our state remains a sanctuary for small businesses.

Though our state has faced many challenges in the past year, Texas' small businesses have remained the backbone of our economy, creating new job opportunities and supporting our local communities. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Texas is home to more than 2.8 million small businesses, which account for 99.8 percent of all the state's businesses and put 4.8 million Texans to work. The indomitable spirit and can-do attitude of Texas' small business community contributes greatly to our state's economy and financial prosperity, and we must continue investing in these businesses to ensure our state's future success for generations to come.

The world of tomorrow needs the ingenuity and work ethic of the Texas entrepreneurs of today. Texas remains America's prime destination for businesses and job-seekers, and year after year the Lone Star State is acknowledged as No. 1 in the nation for business. Our low taxes, reasonable regulatory structure, and business-friendly climate benefit all companies, but can particularly help nourish the needs of small businesses by reducing burdens and allowing these businesses to fulfill their potential. In Texas, we recognize that small businesses power our economy and ensure the strength and prosperity of our communities, and they will drive our state's continued recovery from COVID-19.

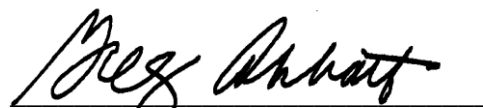
At this time, I encourage all Texans to actively support small businesses across the Lone Star State in recognition of their resilience and the crucial role they play in our lives and communities. When small businesses succeed, Texas succeeds.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 9-15, 2021, to be

## **Small Business Week**

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
Governor of Texas