



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Across our state, Texas has focused on creating a pro-business climate that has fostered a strong and robust economy, supporting growth, prosperity, and upward mobility. Texas has become a global economic power thanks to the ingenuity and hard work of its residents, who are seeking to carve out better lives for themselves, their families, and their communities. This entrepreneurial spirit is showcased in the economic resilience of small businesses in our state. The history of Texas is marked by the tireless contributions of entrepreneurs and adventurers who were unafraid of blazing new trails or facing risks involved in charting new paths, and this legacy has ensured that our state remains a sanctuary where small businesses can flourish.

Texas' small businesses have always been the backbone of our economy, creating new job opportunities and supporting local communities during both trying and prosperous times. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, Texas is home to more than 3 million small businesses, accounting for 99.8 percent of all the state's businesses while helping 4.9 million Texans 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 the number one state in the nation to start a business. Our low taxes, reasonable regulatory structure, and business-friendly climate benefit all companies, but particularly help small businesses by reducing burdens and allowing them to fulfill their potential.

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.

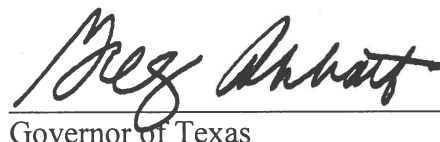
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 2 – 6, 2022, to be

Small Business Week



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
14th day of April, 2022.


Governor of Texas