




THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this certificate recognizes the
groundbreaking ceremony of the*

Tesla Lithium Refinery

Robstown, Texas

A crowning achievement of American ingenuity, the automobile has come to symbolize scientific progress, industrial might, and individual liberty. The proliferation of automobiles fundamentally transformed our society in the twentieth century, and today, we are on the cusp of another paradigm shift as mankind transitions to sustainable energy. This prospect undoubtedly brings with it certain challenges, but if we embrace the spirit of innovation that guided our forebears, we can press onward to a better, brighter future.

Texas has a proud legacy of adventurous entrepreneurs who take risks to chart their own path, and in this vein the State of Texas has found a fast friend in Tesla's leader Elon Musk. Since 2003, Tesla has challenged the status quo and striven toward a more sustainable future, and there can be no doubt as to its success on this front. In this ambitious quest, Musk recognized the low taxes, reasonable regulatory structure, and business-friendly climate of Texas and has wisely decided to take up the "Gone to Texas" banner by expanding operations in the Lone Star State.

This state-of-the-art lithium refinery represents a significant step toward the Texas of tomorrow, and I have no doubt that it will be an uplifting force in the Gulf Coast region and beyond. In recent years, titans of industry continue to bring their operations to Texas, and by so doing, they keep the Lone Star State at the forefront of innovation. The new Tesla lithium refinery has created many high-quality jobs, and in due course, it will power the future in the most literal sense. This groundbreaking ceremony signals the dawning of a new era for Tesla, for customers the world over, and for the entirety of the Lone Star State.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes.



In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 8th day of May, 2023.



Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas