




# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is presented to all observing*

# World Braille Day

January 4, 2023

*Since its creation by Louis Braille nearly two hundred years ago, braille—the world's foremost tactile alphabet—has offered new levels of accessibility and independence for people across the globe who are blind or visually impaired. World Braille Day, celebrated on Louis Braille's birthday, reminds us all to accommodate the needs of everyone in our community so that we may ensure that our great state remains the best place to live, work, and raise a family for all Texans—regardless of their skill set.*

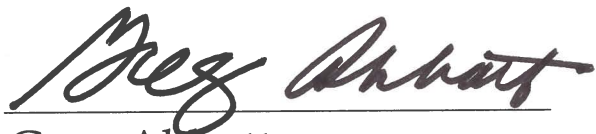
*For Texas to continue on her path of success, we must rise to meet the challenges facing our people and focus our attention on the work that awaits us. Namely, we must strive to create a fully inclusive and accessible state for Texans, since our state is at its best when everyone is able to participate fully in public life. Across our state, people who are blind or visually impaired exemplify the qualities that have long defined the Texas spirit: courage, independence, and ingenuity. Braille enables them to do so by removing communication barriers, and it allows these invaluable Texans to join in the work of building a better, brighter future for our state and nation.*

*At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the many ways in which braille and other accessible forms of communication improve the lives of people throughout 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 4th day of January, 2023.*



Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas