




THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official certificate commemorates the*

33rd Anniversary

of the

Americans with Disabilities Act

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law in 1990 by President Bush, marked a significant turning point in the disability rights movement. The bipartisan legislation has, for decades, enabled people with disabilities to participate more fully in our society, and, moreover, it affirms the inherent worth and dignity of all Americans—regardless of their ability status.

We know in Texas that it is not our challenges that define us, but rather how we rise above them, and the ADA enables people with disabilities to do so in virtually every domain of public life. My own career as an elected official began after my disabling injury, and I therefore know full well that a disability need not stand between a Texan and his ambitions.

On this anniversary and hereafter, we must reflect upon the experiences of people with disabilities and the crucial roles they play in the larger story of America and her people. Furthermore, this occasion provides an opportunity to recognize the public servants past and present who have ushered in meaningful progress for people with disabilities. They embody the spirit of justice and equality that defines our people, and they ensure that each of us has a chance to pursue the great American Dream.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging all Texans to celebrate this anniversary, July 26, 2023, with befitting ceremonies and activities.



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 26th day of July, 2023.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas