



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The history of Texas is marked by the tireless contributions of entrepreneurs and adventurers who were unafraid to blaze new trails and face daunting risks to accomplish their dreams. This intrepid spirit lives on today in the innovative small business community, which is building a bright and prosperous future for the Lone Star State. Our state enjoys a robust economy that is fostered by a pro-business climate, and the ingenuity and hard work of our men and women have made our state a leading global economic power.

In Texas, we are proud to have a strong economy based upon a business climate conducive to growth, prosperity, and upward mobility. More than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and in Texas, small businesses are the backbone of our economy. These businesses create new job opportunities and support local communities. Our state has won praise as a place where businesses can thrive thanks to reasonable regulations, low taxes, a fair legal environment, an educated workforce, and an unparalleled quality of life. This economic environment fosters competition and innovation, keeping the Lone Star State at the forefront of business and industry in the United States.

The world of tomorrow needs the innovation and work ethic of today's Texas entrepreneurs. The Lone Star State remains America's prime destination for businesses and job seekers, and we are proud to be the number one state in the nation in which to start a business. The legendary spirit of our founders manifests itself today in benefit of the American Dream.

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 herself succeeds.

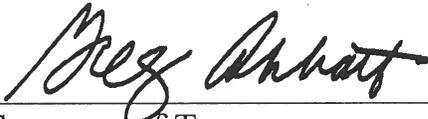
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 30–May 6, 2023, to be

Small Business Week



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
28th day of March, 2023.


Governor of Texas