



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Our nation's founding principles of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are held dear by all Americans, and every Texan deserves the safety and security afforded them by these unalienable rights. When criminals trample these rights, we must support survivors and their loved ones by any means possible. The crime of sexual assault leaves physical and emotional scars throughout our state and leaves devastating and lifelong effects on people of all ages and all walks of life.

Survivors who share their experiences deserve our gratitude, as do law enforcement officials, the judicial system, and advocacy organizations such as the Governor's Sexual Assault Survivors' Task Force—all of which protect the lives and dignity of their fellow Texans. Throughout the Lone Star State, volunteers and professionals work together to end sexual assault, assist survivors and their loved ones, and remind them that they are not alone in their struggle.

By continuing to stand with survivors and bolstering public awareness about sexual assault, we foster a society in which these atrocities have no place. At this time, I encourage all Texans to renew our commitment to ending sexual assault and to support those harmed by this heinous crime. As we protect the vulnerable among us, help survivors find peace and healing, and bring offenders to justice, we promote a stronger Texas for generations to come.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2024 to be

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 6th day of March, 2024.

A handwritten signature of Greg Abbott in black ink.

Governor of Texas