



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Throughout our state's history, Texans with disabilities have always played an important role in making the Lone Star great. Throughout our state's history, people with disabilities have filled our highest offices, blazed trails, and contributed greatly to the culture of our state. Exemplars of the remarkable qualities of the Texas spirit—courage, independence, and ingenuity—Texans with disabilities are a critical voice in our society.

Civic engagement is one of the greatest responsibilities we have as Texans, and people with disabilities are no exception. They have a unique perspective and critical interest in policies enacted at the local, state, and national levels. Voting is just one way people with disabilities can make their voices heard and work toward a brighter future for all Texans. Texans with disabilities sometimes face challenges in accessing their right to vote. We must ensure they are involved in shaping public policies if these policies are to meet the real needs of the disability community.

Each July, a week is set aside to be recognized as National Disability Voter Registration Week. At this time, I encourage all Texans to support the multiple efforts being made to highlight the importance of voting for the disability community, to learn more about voter registration laws, and about accommodations available to voters with disabilities. We are a stronger state when everyone is involved in the democratic process.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim July 15-19, 2019, to be

Disability Voter Registration Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 3rd day of July, 2019.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas