



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Throughout our state's history, Texans with disabilities have played an important role in making the Lone Star State the greatest place in our nation to live, work and raise a family. Demonstrating the remarkable qualities of the Texas spirit – courage, independence and ingenuity – they have filled some of our highest offices, fought in historic battles and contributed to the art and culture of our state. They are also a critical voice in our political system.

Civic engagement is an important responsibility for all Texans, and as people with disabilities face unique challenges, they also have a critical interest in policies enacted at the local, state and national levels. Voting is just one way people with disabilities can exert their influence and work toward a bright future for all Texans.

A week in July is set aside to encourage Texans with disabilities to register to vote and make their voices heard at the polls.

At this time, I encourage all Texans, especially those with a disability or those whose loved ones have a disability, to learn more about voter registration laws and about accommodations provided to voters with disabilities.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim July 17-21, 2017, 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 11th day of July, 2017.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas

