

## THE STATE OF TEXAS

**GOVERNOR** 

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is presented to all observing

## Learning Disabilities Awareness Month

October 2022

No two people are exactly alike, and similarly, no two people learn in precisely the same manner. Everyone's personal and professional journey poses unique challenges and obstacles, but some citizens face an uphill battle because of their learning disabilities. Though commonplace, learning disabilities are not widely understood. Many cognitive, developmental, and neurological conditions are considered learning disabilities, and prognoses vary widely. In many instances, individuals with learning disabilities challenges that their peers do not. Reading, writing, calculating, and memorizing—which are not, in and of themselves, indicative of intellectual capacity—pose unique difficulties to those with learning disabilities, but oftentimes, additional assistance can help ensure satisfactory achievement as a student and beyond. From the classroom to the boardroom, learning disabilities add an additional layer of difficulty to any task and should certainly be taken seriously. But they ultimately do not define a person, nor do they limit what he or she can accomplish.

In Texas, we know that it is not our challenges that define us, but rather how we rise above them. To this end, doctors, educators, and concerned family members have long worked in common cause to help loved ones rise above their learning disabilities and achieve their full potential. Moreover, many professional organizations and civic groups throughout the country diligently strive to bolster public awareness of learning disabilities and galvanize public support for affected people and families. At this time, I encourage all Texans to support the many dedicated individuals who pave the way for a brighter future for Texans with learning disabilities.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you the best.

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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 1st day of September, 2022.

Greg Abbott Governor of Texas