

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:

Civics Awareness Month

September 2021

We have always worked to ensure the citizens of the Lone Star State understand that civic participation by Texans of all ages is vital to the survival and health of our system of government and the liberty it preserves. Education on the importance of civic engagement, how government functions, and our duties within it must start with our students.

Each of us has a responsibility to teach young Texans about the history, influence, organization, and evolution of our system of government. This includes an obligation to instill in them the knowledge that this nation was founded on individual freedom and the principles of limited government. To ensure that, as President Abraham Lincoln expressed, "government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth," we must bolster civic education in our classrooms and ensure every child learns the value of freedom, good governance, and patriotism.

I commend your efforts to ensure Texas students have a thorough understanding of civics, our duties as citizens of this great state and nation, and why this knowledge lies at the very heart of our citizenship as Americans. As awareness of civics and opportunities for education grow, there is no doubt that we will build an even better and brighter future for the Lone Star State.

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 4th day of August, 2021.

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Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas