

STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Texas' safety and security have long been fundamental concerns. The offenses of criminals disrupt our lives, cause injury, damage property, and inflict lasting physical and emotional harm upon our society. Crime takes a toll on our tightly knit Texas communities, and it can undermine our vital sense of security. Since 1976, Crime Stoppers programs have empowered citizens across our state to take a stand against crime in their communities and reclaim their sense of safety. These programs foster collaboration among law enforcement agencies, citizens, and news media to solve crimes and bring criminals to justice.

In the past year, Crime Stoppers programs across Texas have received nearly 70,000 anonymous tips—which led to more than 3,000 arrests, more than \$1 million in rewards paid, and approximately \$7 million worth of narcotics seized. These impressive results showcase the hard work and resilience of Crime Stoppers volunteers, who continue to be extremely effective in their mission to protect and serve communities across Texas. Selfless Texans from the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast have devoted more than 44,000 volunteer hours to this just cause, and their investment in their community has paved the way for a safer, stronger future.

Many Crime Stoppers organizations also have campus programs that strive to protect our students. These groups cultivate leadership skills and foster a sense of community in order to reduce crime in schools and keep our young people safe. Crime Stoppers programs receive thousands of tips that allow them to recover weapons and seize illegal drugs from within Texas schools.

Each year, the month of January is set aside to raise awareness of Crime Stoppers' success and to motivate more Texans to take an active role in the ongoing crusade against crime. At this time, I encourage all Texans to join in this effort and help create an even brighter future for our state.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 2023 to be

Crime Stoppers Month



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 21st day of December, 2022.

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Governor of Texas