




# 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*

# Blinded Veterans Day

March 28, 2026

*In times of peace and in times of conflict, brave Americans have stepped forward to answer the call of duty. Our service members and veterans place the safety and freedom of our nation above their own, demonstrating extraordinary courage and sacrifice in defense of the United States. For their steadfast devotion to our country, we owe them our enduring gratitude and support.*

*In 1945, a group of World War II veterans who had been blinded in the line of duty came together to establish the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA). Their mission was to support and encourage fellow blinded veterans by improving rehabilitation services, advancing education, and expanding access to vital benefits. Blinded Veterans Day commemorates both blinded veterans and the founding of the BVA. Over the decades, BVA has broadened its efforts to assist veterans with vision impairments of all kinds, whether combat-related, age-related, or the result of accidents—ensuring that those who have served our nation receive the care and resources they deserve.*

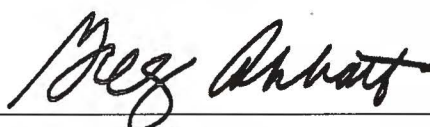
*Through dedication and compassion, BVA continues to help veterans overcome the challenges associated with blindness and vision loss. By promoting rehabilitation programs, advocating for meaningful support, and fostering a sense of community among veterans, the organization empowers individuals to lead fulfilling and independent lives while strengthening the communities in which they live.*

*At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn more about the ways blindness and vision impairments affect the veterans in their communities and to express gratitude to the men and women who have sacrificed so much in defense of our freedoms. By honoring their service and supporting organizations that assist them, we reaffirm our commitment to those who have given so much for our great nation.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging all Texans to observe Blinded Veterans Day with appropriate programs and activities.*



*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 19th day of March, 2026.*



Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas