



THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

 To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official certificate commemorates
the 36th anniversary of the

Americans with Disabilities Act

First signed into law in 1990 by President George H.W. Bush, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) marked a pivotal moment in the disability rights movement. The ADA is a landmark piece of civil rights legislation, ensuring that people with disabilities have equal access, opportunities, and protection under the law. The impact of this law has reverberated for decades, helping shape a more inclusive, equitable culture where everyone can reach their full potential.

We know in Texas that it is not our challenges that define us but rather how we rise above them. The ADA enables people with disabilities to meet life's challenges with dignity and independence. As one with a disability myself, I know well that disability does not define who we are as human beings. Nothing can stand between a Texan and our ambitions.

There are millions of Texans with disabilities across our state who positively impact our communities and work to build our strong economy. For more than three and a half decades, the ADA has advanced inclusion efforts, such as accessible transportation, inclusive education, and employment protections, which have contributed significantly to greater independence and a flourishing society.

On this anniversary, we must reflect upon the experiences of people with disabilities, the existing challenges, and how the need for full equity and inclusion are still ongoing. This occasion provides an opportunity to recognize policymakers, businesses, educators, and civic leaders who advocate for people with disabilities. They embody the spirit of the law and the voices of those it protects so we can continue to build a society where every person thrives.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging all Texans to celebrate this anniversary, July 26, 2026, with befitting ceremonies 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 12th day of June, 2026.



Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas