



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Older Texans have profoundly shaped our beloved state. Their legacy is one that honors the spirit of our great state as they have worked hard, cared for their loved ones, and set an example for the next generation of Texas leaders. Today, as a result of medical, technological, and economic progress, Texans lead longer lives than ever before, and we must support older Texans as best we can.

As thousands celebrate their sixty-fifth birthday, the proportion of older individuals within our population continuously increases. They are parents, grandparents, teachers, mentors, and friends, and they have built and sustained the great Texas Miracle; they therefore deserve our steadfast support in their golden years.

Families, churches, nonprofits, and dedicated professionals work tirelessly to support and uplift Texans of advanced age. Federal, state, and local programs also provide critical assistance, from health services to financial protection, thus ensuring that older individuals can enjoy their golden years with dignity and security.

The responsibility of caring for our elders falls to each of us on an individual level. We are bound by duty and conscience to cherish those who came before us. By lending a helping hand, volunteering at a senior center, or simply spending time with an older individual, each of us can make a meaningful difference.

Each year, the month of May is set aside to celebrate older Texans. Our citizens, regardless of age, deserve to be valued, respected, and supported. Older Texans Month is an opportunity to express our gratitude, strengthen the bonds between generations, and build a future worthy of those who have given us so much.

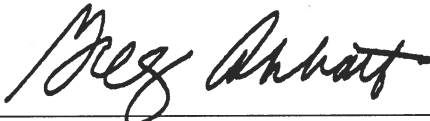
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 2026 to be

Older Texans Month



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 16th day of April, 2026.



Governor of Texas