



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A Message from the Governor in honor of
Veterans Day

November 11, 2022

It is my honor to join you in observing and celebrating Veterans Day. The purpose of this annual observance is twofold: We must pay tribute to all who have honorably served our great nation, and we must rededicate ourselves to the ideals for which these heroic men and women have so valiantly fought. In ages past, our forebears brought forth a new nation in order to secure the blessings of liberty, and in years since, we have been able to do so only because of the brave service members who answered the call to protect and defend our way of life. Were it not for our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and guardsmen, our freedoms and liberties would have vanished. We owe our nation's heroes a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid in full, but we can express our profound appreciation to our active duty service members. We can honor the memory of our noble fallen and never forsake the sacrosanct ideals for which so many paid the ultimate price.

For nearly a quarter millennium, Americans have defended our sovereignty and have defeated tyrants, totalitarians, and terrorists the world over. At home and abroad, during peacetime and wartime, our service members have embodied the best of the American spirit. In so doing, many gave their life so that our country might live, and indeed, there can be no greater sacrifice than to lay down one's life in selfless devotion to a higher cause. Our nation's veterans—past and present—have defended all we hold dear, and they therefore deserve our utmost respect, gratitude, and praise.

In the aftermath of World War I, Americans observed Armistice Day to honor all who fought in that conflict and to affirm resolutely that the slain did not perish in vain. Following America's victory in World War II, the annual observance broadened its scope to honor American veterans of all wars, and it henceforth became known as Veterans Day. Throughout our nation's proud history, many sons and daughters have paid the ultimate price to ensure the survival of our republic, and the duty befalls all Americans to ensure that they are never forgotten and to honor and support the veterans among us today.

God bless our veterans, and God bless America.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in thanking all of our veterans for their patriotism, service, and sacrifice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor