



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

In Texas, we place immense value in our youth. We protect them, guide them and are always working toward a better tomorrow to secure our young people's bright and precious futures.

We also understand the tremendous value of education in young people's lives and strive to ensure our state provides our youth with the opportunity to receive a rigorous and well-rounded education that will function as the foundation upon which their dreams will be built into reality.

School boards play a vital role in our effort to develop education in the Lone Star State as they work with parents, education professionals and community members to create successful learning environments.

While each day brings news challenges for Texas public schools and the students they serve, school board members, along with other dedicated school officials, have tackled these challenges as opportunities to discuss important issues, develop innovation solutions and empower educators.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to join in celebrating the work and success of our many school board members across Texas who play an important role in the education of Texas' youth. The children we nurture right now will become the leaders of our state and nation in the future.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 2018 to be

School Board Recognition Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 19th day of December, 2017.

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

Governor of Texas