



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Woven throughout the annals of Texas history is a proud entrepreneurial tradition, and the spirit that guided our forebears is alive and well today. Having grown in power and worth for nearly two centuries, Texas has long been the greatest state in which to live, work, and raise a family.

Texas' meteoric rise is, to a considerable extent, the result of sustained cooperation between public and private stakeholders. Among the many institutions that bolster economic opportunity in the state are local chambers of commerce. Today, the American Dream is nowhere more attainable than it is in Texas, and in communities of every size, chambers of commerce enable enterprising people to build a better life for themselves and to build a better Texas for posterity.

Chambers of commerce connect citizens to all manner of valuable resources, fostering a culture conducive to growth and advancing the interests of the communities they serve. These chambers, moreover, facilitate business expansion and retention efforts while providing meaningful opportunities for personal and professional networking. By so doing, they drive job creation, develop our workforce, and draw us ever closer to the brighter tomorrow awaiting us.

Thanks to collaboration among local businesses, chambers of commerce, and government entities, Texas remains the undisputed economic powerhouse of America. Accordingly, Texas has been lauded as the Best State for Business for a record-shattering 19 consecutive years, and Texas is home to more Fortune 500 corporate headquarters than any other state. Increasingly, companies the world over have taken up the "Gone to Texas" banner, and our state, having led the nation in corporate expansion and relocation projects, has won the Governor's Cup for an unprecedented 11 years in a row.

Each year, a week in October is set aside in order to celebrate the important role that chambers of commerce play in communities throughout the Lone Star State. By supporting aspiring entrepreneurs, chambers of commerce improve the quality of life in their community, create meaningful opportunities, and fuel our state's unrivaled economic prosperity.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 16–20, 2023, to be

Chamber of Commerce Week



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 5th day of October, 2023.



Governor of Texas