



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Natural disasters have always featured prominently in Texas history, and floods, in particular, remain a considerable threat to lives and livelihoods. In communities of every size and in geographic region, floods have inflicted staggering damage to property, devastated local infrastructure, and taken loved ones far too soon. Though dangerous floods can occur at any time of year, summer and spring bring with them a greater risk of thunderstorms and hurricanes, which, in turn, require heightened vigilance against flooding.

To prepare for this possibility, all Texans ought to learn the fundamentals of disaster preparedness; obtain necessary supplies and equipment; evaluate their own risk factors; and monitor weather events as they unfold. Further, we must adopt a sensible mindset in the face of disaster if we are to protect ourselves and those near and dear to us.

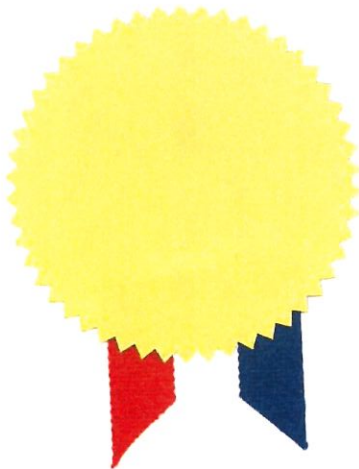
To that end, we must exercise caution in the midst of flooding and must *never* attempt to cross floodwaters—whatever their depth may be. Public service announcements reiterate this simple, life-saving message through the “Turn Around, Don’t Drown” campaign, which reminds us of the sobering reality: a mere six inches of moving water can carry away an adult, and large vehicles require a depth of only two feet.

Throughout the United States, stakeholders in the public and private sectors labor as one to shed light on the dangers of flooding and to encourage proactive safety measures. By educating ourselves about floods and the proper response to them, we can stave off the worst outcomes and ensure that these disasters do not have the final say in Texans’ lives.

At this time, I urge my fellow Texans to research flood safety and to teach friends and family members about this important subject. Although flooding is largely inevitable, we can indeed mitigate the possible harms, and by so doing, we will bring about a safer, stronger tomorrow.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 19–23, 2025, to be

## Flood Awareness 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 the 27th day of February, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".  
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Governor of Texas