



# THE STATE OF TEXAS

## GOVERNOR

 *To all to whom these presents shall come,  
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is presented to the*  
**Texas Victim Services Association**

*on the occasion of its*

## 25th Anniversary

*Texas has always been a law-and-order state, and my top priority is the safety and security of fellow Texans. In order to ensure a safer future for the Lone Star State, we must continue to strengthen our communities by upholding the rule of law, from individual citizens to our most powerful leaders. While crime prevention is a large part of this vision, we also have a duty to support crime victims, whose process of restoration can be lifelong and fraught with feelings of vulnerability, fear, and anger.*

*Beyond the many physical and emotional struggles crime victims face as they work toward recovery, they may also find navigating the criminal justice system to be an upsetting and confusing experience. For this reason, we must work to build crime victims' trust in the systems that should protect them as well as strengthen their faith in their communities. As we work to help hurting and vulnerable members of our society, we strengthen the fabric that binds us together.*

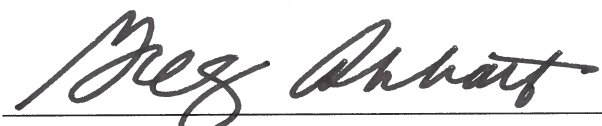
*Texas Victim Services Association is a place where victim services providers can learn, share, and network with their peers across all service disciplines, sharpening their ability to support crime victims. Offering the support, education opportunities, and means for recognition of members' excellence, Texas Victims Services Association facilitates holistic services to victims of crime.*

*With the help of a connected group of service providers, crime victims can find healing and a sense of hope in the future. You continue to demonstrate the hard work and commitment that have helped your organization achieve its longevity, and I wish you continued success in the future.*

*First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in extending best wishes.*



*In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 10th day of May, 2023.*



Greg Abbott  
Governor of Texas