



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

In all corners of the Lone Star State, public health programs are protecting and improving the health care of individuals, families and communities.

The health of nearly 27 million Texans cannot be left to luck or chance. The Texas Department of State Health Services works diligently to identify innovative new ideas that focus on improving and addressing current and ongoing health issues. Fortunately, in the past year, infant mortality has decreased by 38 percent, smoking has decreased by 13 percent, poor mental health days have decreased by 11 percent and immunization coverage among children has increased by 12 percent.

That is why each April, a week is designated to recognize the public health professionals and the positive contributions they make.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the public health programs that ensure we remain informed and safe.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 6–12, 2015, to be

Public Health Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
10th day of March, 2015.

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

Governor of Texas