



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

The holiday season reminds us of the joys we have experienced throughout the year, but this festive time can be tempered with heartache for victims of violent crimes and their loved ones. As a sign of support for them, People Against Violent Crime created a “Tree of Angels” in 1991, and this loving gesture in the face of trauma has since become a beloved tradition.

Like a candle in the darkness, an angel ornament on a Christmas tree offers a ray of comfort and hope to Texans whose lives have been irrevocably changed by violent crime. Our communities are tireless in their compassion for crime victims, and this ceremony provides a space for healing and hope.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to support victims of violent crime, their families, and those who work to prevent crime. Together, we must ensure the safety and security of all Texans and promote timely, effective justice to bring closure to victims and their loved ones.

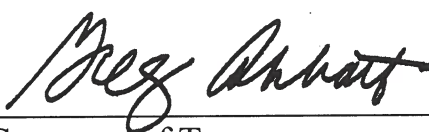
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby recognize December 4–10, 2023, to be

## Tree of Angels<sup>®</sup> 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 2nd day of November, 2023.

  
Governor of Texas