

THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

To all to whom these presents

shall come,

*Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is
presented to all observing*

World Braille Day

January 4, 2026

A foundational belief in our state and nation is that all individuals, regardless of the challenges they may face, have the potential to change the world for the better. Today, we have many tools and resources to overcome challenges, and braille, in particular, enables people with visual impairment to participate fully in virtually every facet of public life.

Braille is a tactile symbolization of language, unlocks the written word for the visually impaired through a standardized configuration of raised dots, and its expressive capacity equals that of the printed alphabet. The ability to read printed material is crucial in education, employment, and healthcare, and braille ensures people with visual impairment or blindness lead productive, fulfilling lives while reaching their full potential.

Braille is the foundation of literacy for our state's blind and visually impaired students, and Texas is proud to lead the nation as the first state to require textbook publishers to provide materials in formats that are readily translatable into braille. Multiple studies over the past three decades consistently show that early and proficient braille literacy is strongly correlated with higher education levels, employment, and independence for people who are blind.

Celebrated since 2019, World Braille Day commemorates the birth of its inventor and namesake: Louis Braille. This innovation has made a lasting impact on the education of individuals with visual impairment or blindness, and the teachers who utilize braille education in Texas classrooms are to

be commended. Having stood the test of time, this invention remains an uplifting force in nations around the globe, and we acknowledge its profound impacts.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in encouraging all Texans to observe World Braille Day with appropriate programs and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin this the 30th day of December, 2025.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas