

## STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

For centuries, surveyors have shaped the development of our state, charting our vast frontiers and paving the way for strong, prosperous communities. Armed with precision instruments and a commitment to accuracy, these professionals ensure that homes are built on firm ground, that infrastructure reaches all areas, and that industry thrives in every corner of Texas.

In the hallowed days of the Old Three Hundred, surveyors defined land grants and plotted townships, thereby laying the foundation of the Lone Star State. As pioneers journeyed westward, surveyors helped bring order to the untamed wilderness, and thereafter, the Republic of Texas relied on these skilled professionals to delineate borders, secure property rights, and prepare for a future of commerce and expansion.

Today, surveyors remain as vital to our society as ever. Their work encompasses many fields—from engineering and real estate to construction, transportation, and conservation. Using advanced technologies such as global positioning system mapping, aerial photogrammetry, and satellite imagery, modern surveyors blend time-honored techniques with cutting-edge science to bolster Texas' infrastructure, economy, and natural resources.

This profession demands an extraordinary degree of mathematical proficiency, spatial reasoning, and technological expertise, and surveyors must interpret legal descriptions, analyze geodetic data, and work in challenging environments. These professionals are architects of the future who pave the way for sustainable, well-ordered growth.

The field of surveying is broad and dynamic, employing thousands of professionals who contribute to the state's booming economy. As urban centers expand and new highways, bridges, and utilities emerge, surveyors enable planners, engineers, and developers to turn blueprints into reality. Moreover, in times of natural disaster, they support recovery efforts, helping to assess damage and rebuild communities.

As we look towards the Texas of Tomorrow, their work will only become more prominent. Emerging technologies such as drone mapping, artificial intelligence, and advanced geospatial modeling will further enhance their ability to map the land with pinpoint precision. As our state continues to be an economic and technological leader, surveyors will remain at the forefront, embodying the dedication and integrity that have long defined their profession.

Each year, a week is set aside in order to recognize the role that surveyors have played in the ongoing story of our people and to encourage talented young professionals to consider this rewarding line of work. During Surveyors Week and throughout the year, may we express gratitude for the men and women who have helped make Texas what it is.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 16-22, 2025, to be

## Surveyors 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 3rd day of March, 2025.

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Governor of Texas