



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, I am pleased to welcome you to the Tour de Hives.

Few things in life are as beautiful as a field of native Texas wildflowers. And you can thank a honey bee for that.

Pollinators come in all shapes and sizes, but the iconic honey bee is one of the most well-known and prolific. By spreading pollen, honey bees maintain a beautiful and healthy ecosystem. They also add billions of dollars annually to the value of our crops and encourage tourism of Texas' striking natural landscapes.

As you gather to celebrate honey bees and ongoing efforts to improve their habitat, I commend you for your dedication.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in sending best wishes.

Sincerely,

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

Greg Abbott
Governor