In Texas, we cherish and enjoy a uniquely American brand of freedom that has shown brightly to the rest of the world as an example of strength and resilience for generations. This revered liberty has been tirelessly defended by the courageous men and women of the U.S. military. During wars that have shaped our country, our brave and selfless soldiers risked and laid down their lives protecting their homeland and fighting in the noble name of freedom.

However, many of our veterans sustain injuries or other complications during or after their service that lead to blindness. This new challenge changes lives, and it is our duty to assist these blinded veterans with finding the assistance and rehabilitation they need.

As such, the U.S. Congress has designated March 28 as National Blinded Veterans Day to bring awareness to efforts to improve rehabilitation services, education and benefits for our nation's blinded veterans.

At this time, I encourage my fellow Texans to join me in thanking our blinded veterans for their service to the United States. With support from their fellow citizens and veterans' services, blinded veterans can lead independent, productive and successful lives.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 28, 2017, to be

Blinded Veterans Day

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 10th day of March, 2017.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas