



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Ours is an economy without equal, and in this regard, the sovereign State of Texas stands proudly among the nations of the world. To a considerable extent, the Texas Miracle is an inevitable outgrowth of the traits that have long defined our people: ingenuity, rugged individualism, and a desire to build a better world. This notion is apparent in our construction industry, the critical sector of commerce that has built the state we know and love in the most literal sense. For generations, our construction workers have ushered in industrial progress and transformed virtually every aspect of modern life. Were it not for this vital industry, foundational elements of our society such as homes, hospitals, factories, and freeways could not exist. Although construction is a traditionally masculine industry, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the indispensable role women play in it. On a daily basis, females in this industry thrive as executives, engineers, architects, surveyors, tradespeople, financiers, and legal advisors, proving that gendered expectations no longer limit a woman's potential in her chosen profession.

Founded seventy years ago in Fort Worth, the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) amplifies women's voices in this industry and strengthens their personal and professional bonds. In 1953, in the shadow of World War II, as men returned home and reentered civilian life, women's newfound prominence in the workforce was called into question, and consequently, scores of dedicated trade organizations emerged in order to advocate on behalf of working women. Today's NAWIC members follow in the footsteps of the pioneering women of the past, and the association strives both to lead builders and to build leaders. To this end, NAWIC disseminates valuable industry insights through its magazine, newsletter, and digital media channels, and its annual conference provides opportunities for professional development as well as personal networking. Moreover, it recognizes outstanding women in construction through awards presented to high achievers and visionary leaders within the industry.

Ultimately, their success will echo throughout the Lone Star State, and I have full faith that women in construction will help preserve and expand the security and prosperity that are emblematic of the great Texas Miracle. Our rapid population growth and unrivaled economic expansion will no doubt pose unique challenges to our construction industry in the coming years, but I have every reason to believe that these remarkable men and women will exceed all expectations as they help to build the Texas of tomorrow.

Each year, a week is set aside in order to honor women in construction and to galvanize public support for these highly skilled professionals. At this time, I encourage all Texans to join me in recognizing their contributions, which have long fueled the economic success of our great state. This week and every week, we must celebrate the remarkable individuals who pave the way for a better, brighter future.

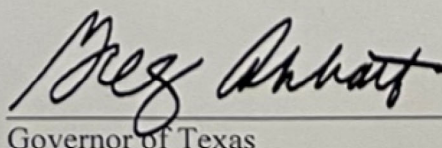
Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 5–11, 2023, to be

Women in Construction Week



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature, this the
3rd day of February, 2023.


Governor of Texas