The work of engineers is on display in nearly every aspect of Texans' lives, from harnessing our energy resources and mitigating natural disasters to improving transportation systems and advancing technology. Engineers are the designers and creators of our infrastructure and some of the Lone Star State's greatest problem solvers. Their expertise helps us overcome a myriad of challenges and is one of the keys to unlocking the door to a 21st century Texas.

In Texas, it is essential that we continue to improve student participation and achievement in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to ensure our students are prepared for the ever-evolving workplace and the Lone Star State is ready for the challenges of the future. Both public and private entities are working to foster interest in STEM fields and develop the next generation of engineers who will take Texas to even greater heights.

Each year, engineering and technical professionals visit countless classrooms across Texas during Engineers Week to encourage students to take an interest in STEM fields. These dedicated professionals engage young Texans in hands-on activities that provide a glimpse and hopefully light a spark of intrigue into the exciting world of engineering.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize our state's dedicated engineering professionals for all they do and for passing along their enthusiasm and thirst for knowledge to our state's greatest asset: our next generation of leaders.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 16-22, 2020, to be Engineers Week in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition therefor.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 7th day of February, 2020.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas