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A child's education is the firm foundation upon which his life is built, and therefore, educators throughout the Lone Star State work tirelessly every day to ensure that each child receives a rigorous, well-rounded curriculum that will prepare him for future leadership. Ultimately, education is a lifelong process that unfolds differently for each student; no two children are the same, and it follows that no two students learn in precisely the same manner. In Texas, we affirm the limitless potential of every student, and in order to ensure equality of opportunity, some students—particularly neurodivergent pupils—require additional or specialized instruction. Tragically, our society is wont to turn its back on children with special needs, but thankfully, many dedicated professionals devote their career to these students. In most instances, educational diagnosticians are the first to identify students' individual needs, and these specialists connect children with appropriate resources and pedagogical interventions. By so doing, they enable young Texans to achieve the best possible educational outcomes.

With competence and compassion in equal measure, educational diagnosticians conduct initial and ongoing assessments that accurately evaluate the student's aptitude, learning style, behavioral patterns, and needs. These professionals—in tandem with speech pathologists, physical therapists, school psychologists, counselors, and social workers—devote untold hours to their students in order to create a personalized plan for each child. Experts in both qualitative and quantitative analyses, diagnosticians are also instrumental in the development of best practices, which guide policies at the campus, district, and statewide levels. For families with a struggling student, educational diagnosticians offer a ray of hope because they know that with a timely diagnosis, concerted effort, appropriate goals, and proper remediation, any student can indeed achieve success.

Each year, a week in March is set aside in order to shed light on our educational diagnosticians and to celebrate the important contributions they make to our schools. On a daily basis, these men and women give students gifts that will last a lifetime, and our entire state will reap the fruits of their labor for years to come. At this time, I encourage all Texans to express heartfelt gratitude toward our educational diagnosticians, who allow our students to unlock the fullness of their God-given potential. Their invaluable work ensures a better, brighter future for students, for families, and for the entire Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 6–10, 2023, to be

Educational Diagnosticians Week



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature, this the
6th day of January, 2023.

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

Governor of Texas