

THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is presented to the:

Railroad Commission of Texas

on the occasion of its

130th Anniversary

Established in 1891 by means of a constitutional and legislative mandate to prevent discrimination in railroad charges and establish reasonable tariffs, the Railroad Commission of Texas is the oldest regulatory agency in the state and one of the oldest of its kind in the nation.

Over the past 130 years, the Railroad Commission has been instrumental in promoting energy independence in the U.S. and is now recognized as a global leader in the regulation of energy resources. The commission is respected nationally and internationally for its expertise, innovation, and successful regulatory practices, thanks in large part to their highly skilled staff of engineers, geologists, field inspectors, information specialists, and administrative professionals. Whether inspecting oil and gas wells or pipelines, conducting field audits of natural gas utilities, or modernizing outdated processes into streamlined, efficient platforms for business operations, the dedicated professionals of the Railroad Commission continue to operate with the independent spirit and determination that has facilitated Texas' role as an energy powerhouse.

Throughout the years, the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission has adapted and evolved. Today, the Railroad Commission serves Texans through its wise stewardship of natural resources and the environment, its concern for personal and community safety, and its support of enhanced energy development and economic vitality for the benefit of all Texans. Due to the dedicated, tireless efforts of the Railroad Commission, Texas remains on the cutting edge of energy development across the nation and around the globe, and I am certain their work will ensure economic prosperity in the Lone Star State for generations to come.

In celebration of this historic milestone, I commend the Railroad Commission for its dedication to ensuring the safe, responsible production of our natural resources and commitment to keeping Texans safe.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 30th day of March, 2021.

Schhar

Greg Abbott Governor of Texas