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The holidays should be the most joyous time of the year, but it can be especially difficult for individuals and families who have been affected by violent crime. The Tree of Angels, created by People Against Violent Crime, has been a comforting, as well as educational tradition in many communities throughout Texas, as surviving victims of violent crime, their families and families who have lost loved ones to violent crime are invited to bring an angel ornament to place on a special Christmas tree.

The compassion, inherent in this symbolic tradition and which shines out from the hearts of communities striving to support these individuals, can help to alleviate some of the trauma, pain and sorrow felt by all of those whose lives have been touched by violent crime.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to join in recognizing crime victims, their families and those who work to prevent crime. As a state, our continuing goal is to ensure swift and effective justice and to bring healing to victims and their loved ones.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby recognize December 4–10, 2017, to be

Tree of Angels Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 14th day of November, 2017.


Governor of Texas