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A vital component of our overall good health, pharmacists serve their communities on the front line of health and healing, allowing patients to feel and function at their best. The most accessible healthcare providers, pharmacists deliver critical services to patients and bolster public health in Texas and beyond.

Required to master chemistry, biology, and pharmacology, pharmacists undergo many years of formal education and must meet rigorous licensure requirements. Today, there are more than 300,000 pharmacists, nearly 500,000 pharmacy technicians, and approximately 42,000 student pharmacists serving communities throughout our state and nation.

Innovations in scientific progress have paved the way for our society's longevity and improved health. As improvements to preventative medicines and illness remedies continue to advance, pharmacists are uniquely positioned to strengthen healthcare throughout our state and nation.

A vast majority of Americans live within five miles of a pharmacy, and this proximity allows pharmacists to help patients understand their medications and ensure the best outcomes. These dedicated men and women who serve patients and the medical profession in pharmacies collaborate with other healthcare providers and constantly advocate on behalf of their patients.

Each year, the month of October is set aside to recognize the work of our pharmacists and to promote this rewarding career path. I encourage all Texans to honor our outstanding pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, who are essential to our healthcare system.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2026 to be

Pharmacist Month

in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 24th day of August, 2026.

Governor of Texas