Through independent and objective evaluation, internal auditors help businesses, organizations and government agencies accomplish their goals and missions with integrity and transparency.

Internal auditors establish and enforce high standards for efficiency, ethics and overall excellence. They play key roles in individual and collective success by ensuring accountability, compliance with organizational policies and regulations and effective business practices and management.

Each year, a week in May is designated to increase public awareness about the important contributions of internal auditors.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the many contributions of internal audit professionals and organizations. Their commitment highlights the best of the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 7–13, 2017, to be

**Internal Audit Week**