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PRESS RELEASE

Hundreds of Volunteers Participate in Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanup

More than 6,300 lbs of trash removed from Texas coastline

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Austin — Despite frigid temperatures, volunteers from across Texas partnered with the General Land Office (GLO) during the 2022 Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanup held February 4-5. The event drew 307 volunteers who worked together to clean four locations across the Coastal Bend area and one on South Padre Island. Together, they removed a total of 6,334 pounds of trash across 14 miles of coastline.

“We are grateful for the hundreds of Texans who bundled up and headed down to the coast to help keep Texas beaches pristine,” said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. “Ensuring the safety and health of our beaches for wildlife and all beach goers is one of our top priorities, and the partnership between the GLO, sponsors, and the public continues to showcase an unwavering commitment to this cause. I thank everyone who participated in the cleanup and look forward to the upcoming Adopt-A-Beach events.”

Volunteers pose for a photo during the Adopt-A-Beach's Winter Cleanup which was held Feb. 4-5

The next coastwide cleanup is scheduled for April 9th. Those interested in volunteering for this event can find more information at texasadoptabeach.org and are encouraged to take part in a day filled with fun and the satisfaction of giving back to our communities and taking care of the Texas coast.

The Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, more than 553,095 volunteers have removed 9,700 tons of trash from Texas beaches.

Volunteers pile up some of the more than 6,300 lbs of trash collected during the Winter Cleanup

Sponsors for this year's winter cleanup include ExxonMobil, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, Valero, Gulf Copper, NOAA, Texas Coastal Management Program, Mijenta Tequila, iwi Life, Flint Hills Resources, and Ocean Conservancy.

To learn more about the Adopt-A-Beach program, visit texasadoptabeach.org and follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).