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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Volunteers remove nearly 13,000 pounds of trash from the Texas coast**

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AUSTIN — Today, Commissioner Dawn Buckingham, M.D. announced that over 400 volunteers participated in the 2023 Adopt-A-Beach Winter Cleanups and removed a total of 12,922 pounds of trash from seven sites during the two-day event on South Padre and across the Coastal Bend.

“It is truly inspiring to see hundreds of volunteers take time out of their weekend to help give back to Texas beaches,” said Commissioner Buckingham. “Preserving our state’s coastline for future generations of Texans and their families to enjoy is paramount. I look forward to ensuring our beautiful shores are well maintained through the continued success of the Adopt-A-Beach program.”

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 563,363 Texas Adopt-A-Beach volunteers have picked up nearly 10,000 tons of trash from Texas beaches.

The next coastwide cleanup is scheduled for April 22, 2023. Those interested in volunteering can find more information at [TexasAdoptABeach.org](https://TexasAdoptABeach.org) and are encouraged to participate in a day filled with fun and giving back to coastal communities.

This year’s state sponsors included the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Valero, the Texas Coastal Management Program, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, Flint Hills Resources, Gulf Copper, Cheniere, Ocean Conservancy, Altos Planos Mijenta Tequila, and ATX Solar. To stay up-to-date on upcoming Adopt-A-Beach events, sign up for the Adopt-A-Beach [newsletter](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).