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Lending a hand to those in need is a timeless Texas tradition, and when relatives, loved ones or neighbors become chronically ill or disabled, Texans step forward to provide care and support. Every day, these caregivers demonstrate extraordinary dedication, patience and love by providing much-needed help with health care and other physical needs as well as invaluable emotional support. Family caregivers make it possible for patients to remain at home in a comfortable setting among loved ones.

Additionally, it is estimated that the work of family caregivers saves taxpayers between \$3 and 12 billion in Medicaid institutional spending annually.

For the more than 3 million Texans who step forward, providing care can be a stressful and time-intensive responsibility. Family caregivers need access to a wide range of information and services, such as the Texas Lifespan Respite Care Program, which provides temporary relief to caregivers, improving their loved ones' lives.

To that end, each November is dedicated to an awareness campaign highlighting the important contributions of family caregivers.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the commitment and dedication of family caregivers, who make a profound difference in the lives of vulnerable Texans. Through their selfless service, they exemplify the best of the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 2014 to be

Family Caregivers Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
17th day of October, 2014.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas