STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

There is perhaps no greater gift we can give than our time. Whether building homes for low-income families, visiting patients in hospitals, or participating in fundraising events, volunteers across the Lone Star State roll up their sleeves each day to lend a helping hand. Through word and deed, these ordinary men and women demonstrate the civic commitment essential to the success of today's Texas.

Volunteer organizations across this great state are dedicated to helping marshal the determined volunteer spirit of Texans as we continue our state's proud tradition of neighbor helping neighbor. These groups work to encourage volunteer interest and activity, especially focusing on strengthening the capacity and effectiveness of volunteer organizations in our communities.

Each year, a week in April is designated as Volunteer Week. During this awareness campaign, volunteer organizations will continue their efforts to recruit volunteers and publicize the accomplishments of service programs throughout Texas.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to support worthy endeavors within your communities. There is a powerful truth upon which the spirit of volunteerism thrives: Our blessings are never made full until shared with others.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 9-15, 2012, to be

Volunteer Week

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
30th day of March, 2012.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas