



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Even in these difficult times, Texas is still the best place in the nation to do business. No state has more Fortune 500 and Fortune 1000 companies than Texas, and over the past decade, Texas has created more private-sector jobs than any other state in the nation. This success is built upon the many individual contributions of hardworking Texans. Whatever their role in the Texas workforce, each one plays a vital part in keeping Texas' economy vibrant.

There are millions of people with disabilities in Texas, including many of our brave military men and women who return each day from war zones with newly acquired disabilities. Texas leads the nation in veterans' employment, and the Texas Veterans Commission has created model programs for assisting all veterans, including veterans with disabilities, in finding solutions to any barriers to employment.

Texas takes pride in its efforts to offer those with disabilities ample opportunities to find meaningful work. Our business practice structure and our welcoming communities have made sure that companies known for hiring people with disabilities are welcomed and supported, thereby ensuring ample opportunities for people with disabilities to find satisfying employment.

Each October, there is a campaign to highlight the importance of equal employment opportunities for Texans with disabilities and to recognize the many achievements of the individuals dedicated to this cause. This year, the State of Texas will honor the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their success in helping Texans with disabilities use their skills in the workplace: Bank of America-Dallas; Holiday Inn Austin Midtown; Gold Star Medical Business Services-San Angelo; PRIDE Industries-El Paso; Jane Thomas of Apple Specialty Advertising-San Antonio; and Ron Lucey of the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services-Austin. This year's Texas disability employment awareness poster features "Otis-se (to rhyme with Matisse)," an image of Otis, the service animal of the artist, Beverly Fuqua of Irving.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to observe this month by recognizing the strengths and talents that people with disabilities bring to our workforce and our state.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2010 to be

**Disability Employment Awareness Month**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas