



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Our state is made up of individuals of different backgrounds, walks of life and circumstances, resolved to succeed and to make a difference. Individuals who are blind or visually impaired are no exception, contributing immeasurably to this great state that we call home.

Through the years, the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services Division for the Blind Services and other organizations have worked with individuals who are blind or visually impaired to help them pursue full, productive lives. Through education and rehabilitative and family programs, children with this disability are able to fully participate and achieve their dreams.

As today's technology advances, individuals who are blind or visually impaired will find even greater opportunity for success. With Braille-output computers, user-friendly software and other aids, individuals who are blind will more easily obtain job training and remain connected to advances in technology, keeping them up-to-date with the pace of our globalized economy.

At this time, I urge all in the Lone Star State to renew their commitment to the success of all Texans. Let us recognize the significant contributions that Texans who are blind or visually impaired have made to our great state, and let us remain focused on continuing to build upon those successes for the generations to come.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2011 to be

Blindness Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 25th day of September, 2011.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas