



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texas is an undisputed leader in business with a remarkable record of job creation and a thriving economy, providing opportunity for all to better themselves and their families.

People with disabilities are a vital part of our workforce, and companies that hire, retain and include people with disabilities continue to discover that a strong workforce is an inclusive workforce. Business owners across our great state are continually learning new ways to identify and hire people best suited to positions and encouraging all employees to acknowledge each person's strengths and talents.

Each October, an awareness campaign is conducted dedicated to creating equal opportunities for people with disabilities.

The Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities presents the annual Lex Frieden Employment Awards, named for the disability rights champion instrumental in the adoption of the Americans with Disabilities Act. These awards recognize businesses, individuals and organizations dedicated to maintaining an inclusive workforce. This year's recipients are Stephen Booher, Arlington; Target Southwest Greatland, Austin; Image Microsystems, Austin; Big Lots, Denton; The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston; Stacy Zoern of Community Cars, Inc., Austin; and the Employment Alliance for People with Disabilities, Corpus Christi.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the strengths that people with disabilities can bring to our workforce, our community and our state as a whole.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2012 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
14th day of September, 2012.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas