



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Breast cancer is the most common cancer and cause of cancer-related death among Texas women. In Texas alone, it is estimated that 232,620 women were diagnosed in 2011, and 2,140 of those women died. About 230,000 new cases will be diagnosed in the United States this year.

Additionally, it is important to realize that breast cancer does not only affect women. In Texas, about 100 men were diagnosed in 2011. But because this is not well-known, many men may not recognize the warning signs or may feel embarrassed about seeking treatment.

As with most illnesses, prevention and early detection of breast cancer are the keys to survival. Knowing your body and your family history are critical components to understanding what you can do to lower your risk. It is also important to be aware of assistance programs that doctors, state entities and non-profit organizations can provide, such as screening, diagnostic, treatment and breast reconstruction services.

Each October, organizations throughout the nation promote awareness of breast cancer, prevention options and ongoing steps toward a cure.

At this time, I urge all Texans to participate in this effort and to support breast cancer patients, the families and friends of those affected by this disease, and the medical professionals who provide invaluable care. We can make a difference for tomorrow by remaining focused on fostering the health and well-being of all Texans.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, joined by First Lady Anita Perry, do hereby proclaim October 2012 to be

**Breast Cancer Awareness Month**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
We hereby affix our signatures this the  
26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

*Rick Perry*  
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Governor of Texas

*Anita Perry*  
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First Lady of Texas