



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Every child deserves the opportunity to feel valued, secure and loved. Young Texans are our bright promise for tomorrow and it is our obligation to assure they grow up in safe and nurturing environments that enable them to one day reach their full potential.

Many times, unfortunate circumstances and conditions threaten the well-being of our children. Foster care and adoption organizations function as noble heroes providing stability, safety and loving homes to children who need it most. Many children throughout the state of Texas are eligible for adoption and we are fortunate to have willing citizens offer their care and support to children in need. Choosing to adopt is a lifelong commitment and those that make the decision represent the compassionate, warm and generous spirit that lives within the hearts of us all.

The month of November is devoted to raising awareness about the importance of adoption. This month will be dedicated to finalizing many adoptions and recognizing the countless men and women within our state, who have chosen to become adoptive and foster parents. You truly highlight the best of the Lone Star State by opening new avenues of opportunity for children in need and guiding them towards a path of success.

At this time, therefore, I encourage all Texans to participate in National Adoption Month and remember that we all have a responsibility to safeguard the children of our great state. Let us support adoptive families, adoption professionals, child advocates and communities, and many others who have made a difference in the lives of adoptive children and those within the foster care system.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 2007,

Adoption Month in Texas



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
12th day of November, 2007.


Governor of Texas