

## STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

As anyone caught in a Texas downpour or cold front can tell you, the weather in the Lone Star State can change in an instant. These changes can be unpredictable and intense, and severe weather can strike anywhere, at any time and with little or no warning. Over the years, storms have posed a significant threat to Texans' lives and properties. As a result, we must be ever-vigilant in the face of severe weather.

While dangerous storms can strike at any time of the year, the months of March, April and May bring a greater potential for violent weather events, including damaging thunderstorms, hail storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding. It is vital that all Texans be aware of the dangers they present.

Planning and preparation can greatly reduce loss of life and property when disasters strike. Texans should be familiar with the difference between severe weather watches and warnings, designate a safe place for family members to meet in case of evacuation, develop a plan to communicate with relatives and friends in other areas, and put together a "preparedness kit" of important supplies. Most importantly, Texans should heed warnings, information and instructions provided by local officials and emergency management personnel.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to remain mindful of the dangers presented by severe storms, stay informed of current conditions and take precautions to prevent loss of life and property. Together, we can work toward a brighter future for our great state.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 2-8, 2014, to be

## Severe Weather Awareness Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 19th day of February, 2014.

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas