



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Twenty-one years ago today, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law, giving more than 54 million Americans — including more than four million Texans — protection from discrimination in employment and better access to goods, services and information.

ADA has ushered in a time of inclusion and full participation in all aspects of life. Today, our citizens with disabilities play prominent roles, offering valuable contributions to the Lone Star State as doctors, artists, lawyers, teachers and more.

Throughout the years, Texans have worked diligently to eliminate harmful stereotypes and have grown to understand disability as part of the human experience. We've passed legislation that codified into law respectful language for Texans with disabilities, and we've designated an awareness month to focus on their many contributions.

The Lone Star State sets the example for others through our Texas Accessibility Standards, which ensure new or renovated public accommodations are fully accessible so people with disabilities can be fully integrated into our communities and workplaces. We also appreciate that people with disabilities are a key element in sustaining our state's jobs and economic growth.

At this time, I urge all Texans to continue working toward the principles of the ADA — equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency. We all benefit when everyone can participate in all facets of life in our state.

Therefore, I Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim July 26, 2011, to be

ADA Awareness Day



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
13th day of July, 2011.

Rick Perry

Governor of Texas