



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Domestic abuse occurs in all racial, social, religious, ethnic, geographic and economic groups. It is inexcusable and unacceptable, destroying lives and insulting the dignity of women, children, men and families. Domestic abuse injures the body and the spirit, assaulting an individual's security, humanity and sense of self.

Addressing domestic violence is a priority at the state and local levels. The State of Texas has supported and implemented policies and programs designed to educate citizens, strengthen families and provide financial support for organizations that bring offenders to justice and healing to victims. First Lady Anita Perry has worked to raise awareness of the tragedies of domestic violence and to increase efforts focused on prevention.

Across the state, Texans extend helping hands to those in need. Domestic violence shelters and advocacy organizations work to stop the devastating effects of domestic violence. Texans are making a difference by putting their compassion into action, contributing in countless ways to these crucial programs. Our emphasis must remain on breaking the cycle of violence and working together to make a difference.

Each October, there is an awareness campaign to promote the responsibilities of communities and citizens to build healthy, thriving families that are free from the threat of violence.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, joined by my wife, Anita Perry, do hereby proclaim October 2010, to be

Domestic Violence Awareness Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
We hereby affix our signatures this the
30th day of September, 2010.

Rick Perry

Governor of Texas

Anita Perry

First Lady of Texas