



STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

*A Message from the Governor:*

*Texas has a tradition of community involvement and helping others. From serving as church officials to coaching youth sports to joining in cleanup efforts along our coastline, Texans are always ready to pitch in and lend a helping hand. That sort of neighbor-helping-neighbor ethic helps make the Lone Star State such a special place to live, work and raise a family.*

*Since 1994, AmeriCorps has tapped into that spirit, connecting people of all ages and backgrounds with volunteer opportunities. Here in Texas, more than 40,000 AmeriCorps volunteers have served with incredible passion and energy. With assistance from the OneStar Foundation and the Texas state office of the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps volunteers have proven highly effective in meeting critical community needs.*

*Each year, a week in March is dedicated to recognizing AmeriCorps. At this time, I encourage the people of Texas to recognize all of the men and women who volunteer their time to strengthen our communities, state and nation.*

*Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, extend best wishes to everyone observing:*

***AmeriCorps Week***

***March 10–18, 2012***



*Sincerely,*

*Rick Perry*

*Rick Perry  
Governor*