



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Twenty years ago, a young girl named Amber Hagerman was heartbreakingly abducted and murdered near her home in Arlington, Texas. While the details of the suspect were provided to law enforcement, there existed no system to quickly inform the community of Amber's disappearance. To this day, her death remains unresolved. This tragedy prompted Texas citizens to reach out to radio stations and urge the broadcast of child abduction information.

Amber Hagerman is remembered and honored by the establishment of the America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response program (AMBER). Established in 2002, the Texas AMBER Alert Network provides a method to effectively disseminate an AMBER alert to any geographical area in Texas. This includes local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as media to assist with rapid notification.

Since the program's inception through the end of 2015, 143 children have been safely recovered during 141 Texas Department of Public Safety activations. The AMBER Alert network has also helped find and safely recover more than 794 children across the country.

At this time, I urge all Texans to remain vigilant of the dangers present and stay informed about what to do when abduction occurs. It is important for parents, family members, friends and teachers to educate children about personal safety, in-person strangers and online strangers. Remember, if an AMBER alert has been activated, be on the lookout for the child, suspect and vehicle. If you witness an abduction or if you locate the child, suspect or possible vehicle, immediately call 911. Every passing moment is essential in the safe return of a child.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2016 to be

**AMBER Alert Awareness Day**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

  
Governor of Texas