



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Lightning is one of the most dangerous severe weather threats in the United States, in some years ranking with tornadoes and hurricanes in the number of deaths and injuries it causes.

Texas, due to its vast size, experiences more lightning than any other state, averaging almost 3 million lightning flashes per year. While the per capita rate of death by lightning is comparatively rare, each year our state loses multiple lives due to lightning strikes.

The greatest threat of lightning strikes is to those who are outdoors during a storm. The majority of injuries and deaths from lightning strikes could be prevented if people followed this simple rule: When thunder roars, go indoors.

In an effort to help people understand the dangers of lightning, the National Weather Service has designated a week in June to increase education and awareness.

At this time, I urge all Texans to learn more about the dangers of lightning and to take the appropriate actions to minimize the risk of lightning-related deaths and injuries.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim June 24–30, 2012, to be

Lightning Safety Awareness Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 3rd day of February, 2012.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas