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Disasters and emergency situations frequently strike without warning, as recent events from the tragic fertilizer plant explosion in the small town of West to tornadoes in North Texas have reminded us. Preparedness is critical to protecting our families, homes and communities in times of crisis. By staying informed, being prepared and following the proper procedures, we can continue to work toward a safer Texas for us all.

A proper emergency action plan includes discussing steps that should be taken during certain types of disasters with family members, establishing a family communication plan, keeping emergency contact information ready, performing practice drills and assembling and maintaining a supply kit. Among other necessities, emergency kits should contain ample water for each person, nonperishable food, a first aid kit, blankets, flashlights, a battery-powered radio and extra batteries.

Each year, the month of September is dedicated to raising awareness of the different types of natural and man-made threats and how Texans should respond during these emergencies.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to work together to ensure that our families, businesses and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2014 to be

## **Preparedness Month**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas