



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

On January 13, 1996, 9-year-old Amber Hagerman was abducted while riding her bicycle in Arlington, Texas. Her kidnapping and brutal murder remains unsolved to this day and is one of many chilling reminders that there are people in our world who willingly harm even the most innocent among us.

Amber's abduction prompted several concerned citizens to reach out to local radio stations, asking them to broadcast child abduction information. Today, she is remembered and honored daily through the America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) program, which disseminates alerts about missing children statewide and to specific geographic areas.

I was proud to sign legislation establishing the Texas AMBER Alert Network in 2002, and since its inception, 129 Texas children have been safely recovered through 124 Texas Department of Public Safety activations. The AMBER Alert Network has also led to the recovery of more than 720 children across the country.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to remain vigilant of the dangers present and what to do when an abduction occurs. It is especially vital for parents, family members, friends and teachers to educate children about personal safety, both in person and online. If you see a person displaying suspicious behavior around children or witness an abduction, immediately call 911.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 13, 2015, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas