



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Today's global marketplace offers many opportunities for individuals to conduct business with companies in foreign countries, and those who speak more than one language have an advantage over their peers when competing for those jobs. People and places that were once oceans apart are now reachable by the click of the mouse. Travel opportunities abound, exposing more people to cultures and languages around the world.

Learning a second language provides a person with much more than skills for employment. Such knowledge enhances one's ability to communicate and learn more about other cultures, affording us all the opportunity to develop shared foundations of understanding and respect.

In an effort to spread awareness about the benefits of foreign language study in Texas, a week in March has been designated for an awareness campaign.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the importance of learning a second language. Through such endeavors, we will be making tremendous strides for the future of this great state we call home.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 7-11, 2011, to be

Foreign Language Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
1st day of February, 2011.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas