



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texans have benefited immeasurably from the outstanding health care available throughout the Lone Star State.

Daily, in communities from the Panhandle to the plains, members of the health care community serve their fellow Texans with diligence and distinction, working to meet their medical needs.

As a state with a long and heralded tradition of caring, and as Texans, we recognize the necessity for patients to be able to obtain appropriate care.

To this end, patient advocates work within the medical community to ensure that the needs of patients are appropriately met. Their duties range from answering routine patient inquiries to explaining rights and responsibilities and advocating on behalf of all citizens receiving appropriate care, all important goals that we continue to embrace and work toward as we look to the future.

Recognizing the countless contributions of all who advocate on behalf of patients, and the importance of focusing attention on this important issue, I, Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, now proclaim do hereby proclaim September 15, 2006.

Patient Advocate Day in Texas



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
14th day of September, 2006.


Governor of Texas