



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

The surprise attack on Pearl Harbor killed more than 2,400 Americans, left more than 1,000 wounded and nearly wiped out an entire fleet. Meant to cripple the U.S. Navy before war with Japan had even started, the attack instead brought about the unintended consequence of galvanizing the fighting spirit of the American public, creating a foe considerably more formidable than Japanese leadership ever anticipated.

While the morning of December 7, 1941, does indeed live as a "Day of Infamy," as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt so famously described it, the stories of bravery and selflessness in the face of unprecedented disaster became inspiration for a generation that found itself suddenly, horribly at war. Since then, the irrepressible courage of the men and women at Pearl Harbor that fateful morning has passed into legend, and will continue to inspire generations to come.

Each December, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is recognized across the nation. It is a time of reflection and a time of remembrance. All Americans should come together to recognize the determination and sacrifice that occurred at Pearl Harbor. Let their strength of character and their strength of heart continue to be an example to us all.

At this time, I encourage citizens throughout Texas to remember with deep reverence all that Pearl Harbor represents to us. In commemoration, let us visibly demonstrate our respect for those who lost their lives in the battle by flying the flag half-staff on this December 7. As citizens of Texas, we appreciate the service and sacrifice of these men and women and will carry their memory in our hearts, minds and souls.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2010, to be

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day in Texas



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
19th day of November, 2010

Rick Perry