



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A Message from the Governor in honor of:
Veterans Day

It is my pleasure to extend greetings to everyone attending today's Veterans Day celebration.

On the first Veterans Day in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower called on all citizens to "remember the sacrifices of those who fought so valiantly." With these words, the day previously known as Armistice Day was expanded into an annual event to acknowledge all American veterans, a group of men and women committed to principles without parallel.

It has been said many times before, but is as true today as ever: Freedom is not free. In times of war and times of peace, the men and women of the U.S. armed forces have courageously faced great dangers and made tremendous sacrifices. America's armed forces have tirelessly upheld the ideals of our country - whether wading ashore at Normandy over half a century ago, enduring intense training regimens on our bases at home and abroad during peacetime, or patrolling towns in Afghanistan and Iraq today.

With common bonds of selflessness and bravery, our veterans are a credit to our nation and our state. Their legacy of courage and conviction endures in the form of our most precious gift: freedom.

To those veterans in attendance, First Lady Anita Perry and I salute you. On behalf of all Texans, thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

*Rick Perry
Governor*

