



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Time and again, brave and patriotic citizens answer the call to preserve freedom and promote democracy at home and abroad. These men and women volunteer to face dangers and hardships because they believe in the American way of life so deeply that they are willing to die for it if necessary.

Tragically, some of these brave members of the U.S. military do make the ultimate sacrifice, and it is our nation's responsibility to honor their memories and to remember that their public sacrifice is also a private loss for a bereaved family.

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., is an organization made up of mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of the U.S. armed forces. Since 1928, these loving moms have been devoted to preserving and promoting the spirit of patriotism and duty for which their children served, perpetuating the memory of fallen heroes, and offering support to other grieving families. These women embody the courage and sacrifice that have made America great.

Each September, the American Gold Star Mothers designate a special day of recognition and remembrance to pay tribute to those who have fallen in service to our country.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize and honor all who have served in our nation's military, to pay special tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and to always remember their loved ones, who have borne such a terrible burden in the cause of freedom. They serve as courageous examples to us all.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2011, to be

Gold Star Mother's Day

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

**In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
29th day of August 2011.**

Rick Perry

Governor of Texas

