



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Our world has become increasingly interconnected, making a global perspective vital to the success of businesses, universities, organizations and governments. The citizen of this era of global exchange must possess the skills to successfully live and work in an environment where people from various social, cultural, religious and linguistic backgrounds compete and cooperate.

As such, international education is an essential component of a modern education. Study abroad programs are a time-honored way to introduce Texans to different languages, cultures and global issues. International education prepares our citizens to live, work and succeed in this global economy, while also promoting tolerance, cultural exchange and friendship between Texans and people around the world.

Universities in Texas and across the country encourage global exchange by admitting students and scholars from around the world, enabling these individuals to share their knowledge and experiences. We hope they return home with a greater understanding of the values we hold dear. And many Texans gain that same perspective by traveling to study in foreign countries. In a joint initiative, the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of State are conducting an awareness campaign to emphasize the importance of international study.

At this time, I urge all Texans to recognize the important role international education will play in the future success of the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 16-20, 2009, to be

**International Education Week**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

*Rick Perry*  
Governor of Texas