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Today's workforce is more highly educated and accomplished than ever before. As such, the bar for personal and professional achievement is continually being raised. Within this competitive framework, more people are turning to post-baccalaureate education to help them meet their goals.

The continued education of Texans has a positive effect on our state and communities. Better-educated workers can offer unique insights that their training and research have afforded them. They also help America maintain our global competitiveness and often become educators themselves, helping future generations of Texans meet their own academic goals.

Students in graduate and professional programs make sacrifices and face challenges on the way to success. I commend these students for their determination and commitment to higher education.

An awareness campaign will be conducted during a week in April to highlight the immeasurable potential and limitless contributions that graduate and professional students can and will make to the Lone Star State and to salute their calling to continued education.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the contributions of students in graduate and professional programs. They strengthen our foundations of knowledge and expertise, and they better position us to compete nationally and internationally.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 12-16, 2010, to be

**Graduate and Professional Student
Appreciation Week**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
8th day of March, 2010.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas