



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

In a world that is constantly changing and growing, the pursuit of personal and professional success must meet the workplace demands of the 21st century. In this work climate, the need for post-baccalaureate education has steadfastly increased.

The continued education of Texans has a positive effect on our state and the communities in which they live. A degree beyond baccalaureate often stimulates both personal and corporate economic growth and productivity. It also maintains our global competitiveness and provides the base from which our future educators will come.

Through continued education, graduate and professional students make sacrifices while facing new challenges. With their dreams in mind, they work diligently toward their ultimate goals of educational excellence, personal fulfillment and academic accomplishment. For their determination and commitment to higher education, I commend these students.

To highlight the immeasurable potential and limitless contributions that graduate and professional students can and will make to the Lone Star State, an awareness campaign will be conducted during the month of April to highlight their calling to continued education.

At this time, therefore, I encourage all Texans to recognize the contributions of graduate and professional students. Their education and expertise strengthen our educational foundation and better position our state and nation to interact with others nationally and internationally.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim

March 31-April 4, 2008,

**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

