



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

As school leaders, principals are entrusted with our most valuable resource — our next generation of leaders. These students are our promise for the future, and it is critical that they receive a rigorous and well-rounded education.

Principals are more than just caretakers of their schools. Principals are expected to be educational leaders, disciplinarians, community builders, spokesmen, budget analysts and guardians of policy mandates and initiatives. Principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements and set performance objectives.

The National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, joined by their state affiliates, have designated the month of October as a time to recognize the contributions of elementary, middle and high school principals.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the important role principals play in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim October 2013 to be

Principals Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
27th day of September, 2013.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas