



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Crime is a scourge on our society. It tears apart lives and breeds feelings of fear, anger and helplessness. As caring citizens, we are obligated to do everything in our power to ensure that our communities are not victimized by criminals.

Since they began in 1976, Crime Stoppers programs have empowered citizens across our state to take a stand against crime. These programs bring together businesses, citizens, law enforcement and the media to combat crime and make our communities safer.

Combining media awareness, monetary rewards and anonymity for tipsters, Crime Stoppers has created an effective method for solving crimes and helping citizens take back control over their neighborhoods. Crime Stoppers has been particularly effective in Texas, where anonymous tips have led to 175,000 arrests and \$1.2 billion in property recovered and narcotics seized since its inception.

Every January, Crime Stoppers sponsors a campaign to increase awareness of its successful crime reduction efforts. I encourage all Texans to join in this effort and work to make our communities even safer.

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

Crime Stoppers Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
12th day of December, 2012.

Rick Perry

Governor of Texas