



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texans have a duty to protect people of all ages from abuse, neglect and exploitation. Elderly and disabled Texans are especially susceptible to becoming victims of these crimes and we must continue working to protect our most vulnerable citizens.

Emotional abuse, forced isolation, financial exploitation and physical injury are among the types of maltreatment that tens of thousands of elder Texans face every year. Abusive or neglectful caregivers may show anger or indifference toward their elders, prevent them from speaking to or seeing visitors, or take advantage of their financial resources. All Texans have an obligation to report suspicions of elder abuse or neglect through services like the Texas Abuse Hotline.

Each year, the Adult Protective Services program of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services conducts a public awareness campaign designed to prevent abuse and exploitation of elderly Texans.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to ensure that we are taking the very best care of our seniors by reaching out to the elderly in communities across Texas and again, reporting any suspicion of senior abuse to the proper authorities.

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

**Elder Abuse Prevention Month**

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013.

  
Governor of Texas

