STATE OF TEXAS
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As anyone ever caught in a Texas downpour can tell you, the weather in Texas can change in an instant. These changes can cause unpredictable and severe weather, which can strike anywhere, at any time and with little to no warning.

From thunderstorms to tornadoes to lighting strikes to floods, the spring and summer months are especially prone to severe weather conditions. For those reasons, the spring of each year is a good time to remind Texans of the risks of severe weather and the need to be aware of the ever-changing conditions.

Being prepared is vital to staying safe when severe weather hits. As Governor, I encourage all Texans to create an emergency action plan that include an evacuation plan, and to keep on hand an emergency supply kit that contains non-perishable food and water, first aid supplies, flashlights, a battery-powered radio and batteries, and other emergency items.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember as we focus on awareness is to stay vigilant and informed when it comes to severe weather. By doing so, you may save your own life or the life of a loved one.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim February 22-28, 2009,

Severe Weather Awareness Week

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
2nd day of February, 2009.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas