



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

For as long as there has been a Texas, small cities and towns have been the heart of our great state. Today, many of these communities are experiencing growth and change, as towns across the Lone Star State welcome new names and faces that reshape the places we call home. But as anyone from a small community can attest, each little municipality has a personality all its own, and whatever changes life brings, these communities retain their local character and charm.

One of the moorings of small-town life is the community bank — the cornerstone of the local financial industry. By focusing on hometown businesses, the prosperity of their fellow citizens and the educations of their neighbors' children, community banks play an important role in the economic development of their communities.

Texans trust these institutions to provide sound financial advice and to reliably handle their loans, investments and personal or business accounts. In addition to providing secure financial practices, community banks are known for offering exceptional customer service, personalized assistance and a commitment to improving the quality of life within their communities.

To highlight the many contributions of community banks, April has been designated for an awareness campaign. At this time, I encourage Texas to recognize the important role that community banks play in fortifying our local economies and providing individualized financial services to towns and small cities across the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim April 2009,

Community Banking Month



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,
I hereby affix my signature this the
20th day of April, 2009.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas