



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A Message from the Governor

WHEREAS, one of the simplest joys in life is the love of reading;

WHEREAS, books can take us to faraway places, to exciting lands of our imagination's making, to lands where magical characters undertake noble acts of mythic proportions. Books can make us laugh; they can make us cry; they can invigorate and inspire;

WHEREAS, to stimulate and encourage our children's love of reading, the Texas State Library and Archives Commission sponsors a program known as the Texas Reading Club, which is designed to encourage young people to read for pleasure, especially during the summer months when school is out;

WHEREAS, the club's 2007 theme — "Sail Away with Books!" or "¡Naveja lejos con libros!" — encourages children to explore our marine world;

WHEREAS, nearly half a million children participate in this program annually, helping to set a solid foundation for their future success; and

WHEREAS, at this time, I ask all Texans to join in ensuring that the children across our great state become accomplished readers. The steps that they take today are steps that will serve them well in tomorrow's Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby recognize June 9, 2007, as

Texas Reading Club Day

Sincerely,

Rick Perry

Rick Perry
Governor

