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Office of the Governor

Dating as far back as a thousand BC, welding has played a vital role in the development of cultures and societies around the world. What the Egyptians found useful back then has become essential to Western Civilization throughout the years. From fences to frames and from massive aircraft and boats to tiny rings, the societal and economic foundation of this nation has literally been molded together by welding.

The craft of welding has drastically changed the way we do things. It has improved production methods for generation after generation. From blacksmithing that aided the early settlers, to shipbuilding during World War II, to the building of pipelines and the structures that we use everyday, welding has forever left its mark upon our great state and nation.

Welding technology and expertise have advanced over the years, increasing the utility, strength and efficiency of welding. Professional welders use their skills and training in a variety of settings, from repairing cars to welding underwater vessels to welding the space station in outer space.

The month of April has been designated for an awareness campaign to advance the science, technology and application of welding and related joining disciplines.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the importance of the welding profession in modern industrial practice. Moreover, let us express our appreciation to these outstanding professionals for their many contributions to the productivity and economic vitality of the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim
April 2008,

Welding Month

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 22nd day of April, 2008.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas