



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Greetings:**

As Governor of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to the 2013 Annual DFW Dragon Boat, Kite and Lantern Festival hosted by the Marco Polo World Foundation.

For the past six years, this festival has been timed to coincide with the May celebration of Asia-Pacific Cultural Heritage Month. A showcase of international culture, this event also raises money for scholarships and internships for students who show dedication to promoting intercultural understanding and serving the community through volunteerism.

The festival also features a fierce dragon boat team competition. This year, some 40 teams will compete for the DFW Grand Champion title, including boats commanded by the Irving and Waxahachie fire departments and the reigning champions from Austin, the Texas Thunder.

I hope you will enjoy the visual feast, ethnic foods and wide array of fun activities the festival has to offer.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in sending best wishes for a fun-filled day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rick Perry  
Governor