Texas is a state with a rich cultural heritage because of the diverse people who call it home. Tejanos are an essential part of our rich tapestry of cultures. As descendents of the Spanish and Mexican families that first inhabited the Texas frontier from the late 1600s through the late 1800s, Tejanos created our state’s towns, municipal governments, missions, ranches and roads.

Among the many people who call Texas home, Tejanos have made invaluable contributions to the Lone Star State, adding to the vibrant identity that is Texan. Daily forging new frontiers toward excellence, Tejanos stand prominently in the Texas of the 21st century.

In recognition of their rich heritage, September is being celebrated as Tejano Heritage Month.

Throughout this month of celebration and recognition, I encourage all Texans to embrace the diversity of the Lone Star State. As we celebrate the ties that bind, we continue to reinforce, through shared and strengthened foundations of mutual understanding and respect, the best of Texas.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2006, Tejano Heritage Month in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 20th day of July, 2006.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas