



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, I welcome all in attendance to the 2009 National Storm Conference, hosted by the Texas Severe Storms Association (TESSA) and the National Weather Service.

As the old saying goes, if you don't like the weather in Texas, wait five minutes and it will change. Sometimes that means clear skies can turn stormy in a short period of time.

Fortunately, groups like TESSA are here to help expand knowledge about our weather. TESSA brings together both amateur and professional severe weather scientists in an attempt to better understand dangerous storms through the collection and diffusion of knowledge. By doing so, this organization increases Texans' preparedness for inclement weather, reducing harm and saving lives.

The National Storm Conference is one way TESSA seeks to increase knowledge about severe weather. At this year's conference, speakers will deliver presentations on severe weather safety, storm spotter training and in-depth discussions on supercell and tornado meteorology. The lessons learned today surely will make a difference in the future.

First Lady Anita Perry joins me in hoping you all have a great conference.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry

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Governor