Geography is the interdisciplinary study of Earth and its features. More than just learning places on a map, it also includes study of the way people and societies interact economically, environmentally and culturally. Geography can help us appreciate the richness and complexity of our planet and its many wonders.

Professional geographers work in many focus areas, including cartography, climatology, oceanography and human and cultural geography. They provide and analyze in-depth information in diverse areas, including economic development, demographic data, environmental protection and development of energy resources.

Each November, an awareness campaign is conducted to promote geographic literacy and challenge us all to become more informed about our world.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to recognize the importance of geography and the significant contributions geographers make to our understanding of our world.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim November 15–21, 2015, to be

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in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 9th day of November, 2015.

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas