



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**Greetings:**

I am pleased to extend greetings to all in attendance at the 2007 AAU National Chinese Marital Arts Championship.

Success in martial arts requires strength, speed, agility and a high level of discipline, both physical and mental. I appreciate the competitors' determination in preparing for this tournament and also applaud all instructors, families and others who have encouraged their progress. Eagerly anticipated, I have no doubt that this event will be long remembered.

To our national and international guests, the Lone Star State welcomes you! Ours is a state of dramatic landscapes; it is a state of unforgettable scenery and sunsets rising from coastal plains and rolling hills to the heights of majestic Guadalupe Peak. From the vistas of Big Bend to our resource rich plains, we welcome you to the breathtaking beauty of Texas. We encourage visitors to explore and enjoy, to participate in our rich tapestry of cultures, our many entertainment attractions, and, overall, in the story that is Texas. I certainly hope that yours is an enjoyable stay.

Anita and I send our best wishes for a successful tournament.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Perry".

Rick Perry  
Governor