



GENERAL LAND OFFICE

JERRY PATTERSON, COMMISSIONER

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Dear Friends of Texas beaches:

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program will kick off its 28th annual Fall Cleanup at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 30 sites along the Texas coast. This is your opportunity to make a difference by helping to preserve one of Texas' most precious natural resources - our beaches.

The Adopt-A-Beach program is an all-volunteer effort to remove trash from our beaches and to increase public awareness of the problems of marine debris and beach litter. During the past 27 years, the Adopt-A-Beach program has recruited more than 465,000 volunteers to participate in beach cleanups twice a year, every year. Since 1986, these volunteers have removed more than 8,900 tons of trash from our Texas beaches. That is quite an accomplishment, and I commend them on a job well done. With your support in promoting this great event, we are able to reach thousands of potential volunteers across the state who can continue the effort to preserve Texas beaches for future generations.

I have enclosed promotional materials on the cleanup for you to distribute as needed, and I hope you will join us at the beach on September 27th. For more information about the Adopt-A-Beach program, or for additional supplies, please call 1-877-TXCOAST or visit our Web site at www.texasadoptabeach.org.

Let's go clean the beach!

Sincerely,

JERRY PATTERSON

Commissioner, General Land Office

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