

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, America's veterans have continuously demonstrated their honor and commitment to our country, and we are profoundly grateful for their service; and

WHEREAS, Alaska has the largest per capita population of veterans in our great nation, being home to over 70,000 veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, whenever called upon to defend our nation's security at home or abroad, the men and women who serve in the United States Army, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and the Alaska National Guard and Reserves respond immediately and effectively, placing others' interests above their own; and

WHEREAS, in 1944 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill into law, he observed that, more than anything else, America's servicemen and women wanted "the assurance of satisfactory employment" upon their return to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, over 40,000 veterans are employed in Alaska, making significant contributions to Alaska's economy; and

WHEREAS, veterans offer Alaskan businesses the benefits of competent skills, education, leadership, maturity, and dedication learned during their military service; and

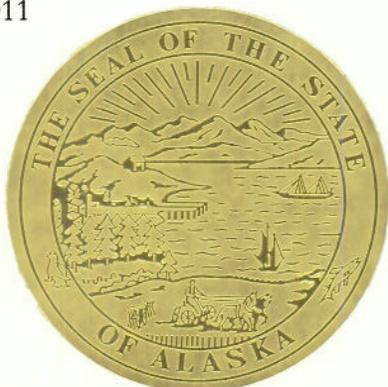
WHEREAS, we are forever indebted to our veterans for their service to Alaska and the United States of America, and we honor them and acknowledge their importance to our economic future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim November 2011 as:

Hire a Veteran Month

in Alaska, and encourage all employers to provide employment opportunities for those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Dated: October 19, 2011



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sean Parnell".

Sean Parnell, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.