

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, Alaska is proud of the over 74,000 veterans who call this great state home, and boasts the largest population of veterans per capita in our country; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who serve or have served in the Armed Forces deserve respect, appreciation, and support from a grateful nation; and

WHEREAS, the leadership, integrity, and commitment of veterans, as well as the skills, knowledge, and experience gained through military service are assets to any workplace; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill remarking that above all else, America's veterans deserved "the assurance of satisfactory employment;" and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is supportive of initiatives promoting veteran hire. In the last year, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) has assisted more than 20,000 veterans seeking employment. DOLWD continues to prioritize serving veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, the State enacted legislation this year requiring the University of Alaska, vocational training centers, and occupational licensing boards to consider veterans' military training and experience, and wherever appropriate, to award credit for that experience toward civilian degrees, vocational credentials, and licenses in order to properly benefit veterans in the employment market; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the importance of meaningful employment to our veterans and their families and respect the civilian value of military experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim November 2013 as:

Hire a Veteran Month

in Alaska, and encourage all employers to extend employment opportunities to those who have served our nation faithfully in the United States Armed Forces.

Dated: November 4, 2013



A blue ink signature of Sean Parnell.

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