

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, Alaska's veterans gave of themselves to defend our nation's liberty, freedom, and security at home and abroad, and we are profoundly grateful for their service and ongoing contributions to our communities as civilians; 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, Alaska is proud to be home to more than 73,000 veterans and their families, the largest per capita population in our great nation; and

WHEREAS, more than 42,000 veterans are employed in Alaska, making significant contributions to our economy as a skilled, highly-trained, and dedicated workforce; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is supportive of initiatives promoting veteran hire. Alaska's Job Center staff have assisted more than 13,000 veterans this year and continue to offer priority of service to veterans and their eligible spouses statewide; and

WHEREAS, this year on November 7th, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) is hosting its annual Alaska Veterans Job Fair in Anchorage for veterans and military spouses. The event is open to the public and more information can be found on DOLWD's webpage at www.jobs.alaska.gov; and

WHEREAS, the State has also recently implemented legislation that assists eligible veterans with obtaining a Commercial Driver License, recognizing the valuable skills and abilities veterans learn in the military; and

WHEREAS, we are forever indebted to our veterans and their families for their many sacrifices in service to our state and nation, and recognize their importance in building a bright economic future for our great state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as:

Hire a Veteran Month

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

Dated: October 31, 2014



Sean Parnell

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