

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation by Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, Alaska's senior citizens are a great source of knowledge and experience from which we can all learn, and continue to provide valuable resources in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, as Alaskans live longer and healthier lives, the state is witnessing a dramatic growth in its senior and older worker populations; and

WHEREAS, the number of older Alaskans is increasing rapidly, with 140,847 residents 55 years of age and older, approximately 20 percent of our state's total population; and

WHEREAS, older workers are reliable, trustworthy, have a high degree of integrity, a proven work ethic, and their dedication and skills are priceless assets to our state; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that Alaska's older workers be encouraged and supported in their jobs; and

WHEREAS, we commend our older workers for their efforts, recognize their critical role in the prosperity of Alaska, and express our appreciation for their dedication to our great state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 18-24, 2011 as:

### *Employ Older Workers Week*

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to recognize the contributions that older workers make to our communities, workplaces, economy, and encourage those who are engaged in job placement, training, and related services to recommit in their efforts to employ older Alaskans.

Dated: September 6, 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.*