

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, every Alaskan deserves the opportunity to hold gainful and meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, employment provides opportunities for greater independence, personal responsibility, confidence, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the workplace fosters a culture that accepts, promotes, and values Alaskans who are living with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act is a vital piece of legislation which prohibits the discrimination against people with disabilities in employment, housing, and healthcare; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska is committed to being a model employer of people with disabilities. The State's Model Employer Task Force consists of members of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education, the State Division of Personnel and Labor Relations, the State Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator's office, and the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation who work to increase the number of disabled people who apply for State employment and create unique opportunities and training programs that increase workplace success for Alaskans living with disability; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the invaluable contributions people with disabilities make to our workforce and remain dedicated to improving the employment opportunities for those living with a disability.

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

Disability Employment Awareness Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to acknowledge the tremendous potential of people with disabilities and to hire qualified Alaskans with disabilities.

Dated: September 30, 2013



Sean Parnell

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