

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation* by *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, career and technical education supports healthy economic growth by building collaborative connections within the fields of education, economic development, and workforce development; and

WHEREAS, advances in technology and economics in our global society continues to bring new opportunities to our education and workforce development systems; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education programs incorporate a rigorous academic core coupled with a high-level technical curriculum to prepare students to be college and career ready, ultimately contributing to Alaska's leadership in the national and international marketplace; and

WHEREAS, career and technical education offers opportunities for student leadership experiences to support personal and professional growth, and opportunities to apply academic knowledge and skills in meaningful contexts through partnerships with post-secondary institutions, business, industry, and community; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Departments of Education and Early Development and Labor and Workforce Development and the University of Alaska are jointly implementing the statewide Career and Technical Education (CTE) plan to ensure a comprehensive, integrated career and technical education system for Alaska; and

WHEREAS, by effectively training Alaskans for jobs necessary to sustain growth in Alaska, we are positioning our state's economy for further expansion and providing present and future opportunities for our families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim February 2012 as:

### *Career and Technical Education Month*

in Alaska, and encourage Alaskans to explore the career and technical education opportunities available in their schools and communities, and to participate in these programs to help enhance their individual work skills and productivity.

Dated: January 23, 2012



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.*