

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, Alaska is blessed with an abundance of energy resources and yet Alaskans are faced with some of the nation's highest energy costs; and

WHEREAS, energy efficiency and renewable energy development offer employment, economic benefits, and potential long-term development opportunities for the state. Choosing energy efficiency options and implementing conservation efforts are important steps to help reduce the burden of energy costs on Alaskan families and workplaces; and

WHEREAS, we set clean and renewable energy goals for Alaska including 50 percent of electricity generation from renewable sources by 2025 and achieving a 15 percent increase in energy efficiency over the next ten years. Through the continued cooperative efforts of State government, the citizens of Alaska, the private-sector business community, and the statewide Energy Efficiency and Conservation Working Group, we can make these goals a reality; and

WHEREAS, we continue to pursue a comprehensive approach to solving Alaska's high cost energy challenges. From traditional fuels to renewables, weatherization, and conservation efforts, the State of Alaska remains committed to assisting Alaskans, businesses, and public entities to increase their energy efficiency through a variety of grants, loans, services, and educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the efforts of Alaskans and Alaska workplaces to achieve 15 percent energy savings in their homes and buildings, and we encourage others to take the following simple steps to improve energy efficiency: seal tight and ventilate right, get an energy audit, and remember to change your lights.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as:

Energy Efficiency Awareness Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to take steps to improve energy efficiency and conservation efforts at home and at work. Together, we are taking positive steps forward to solve Alaska's energy challenges.

Dated: September 1, 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.