

# STATE OF ALASKA



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

WHEREAS, Alaska's children are our greatest and most precious resource; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves to be raised by a loving, stable family; yet sadly, many children across the nation have parents who are unwilling or are unable to care for them; and

WHEREAS, on an average day, Alaska has more than 1,800 children living in out-of-home care; and

WHEREAS, adoption can provide a healthy home life, parental love, nurturing, and security that some children would otherwise be missing; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's future depends on today's children, and the State of Alaska is committed to helping all children reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2011, 329 former foster children experienced adoption with loving families in Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Adoption Awareness Month gives Alaskans the opportunity to recognize all those who have stepped forward to provide a permanent, loving, and safe home for those children who so desperately need one, and raises public awareness of adoption and foster care.

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

### *Adoption Awareness Month*

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to celebrate adoptive families in our great state, and commit themselves to finding each of Alaska's children a loving, "forever" family home.

Dated: October 24, 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.*