

# STATE OF ALASKA



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

WHEREAS, in a rapid and technologically advancing world, it is essential for Alaskans to be digitally literate, and to have access to innovative tools and world-class education; and

WHEREAS, digital learning applies technology and electronic media and communication to our education system to strengthen student learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, through a new Digital Teaching Initiative, the State of Alaska is committed to linking teachers, courses, and students from across the state in a shared goal of excellence. The Digital Teaching Initiative will build upon the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development's Alaska Learning Network, which offers online learning programs, delivers quality lessons and tools to remote classrooms, and offers professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators throughout the 54 school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Digital Teaching Initiative will make Alaska's top educators available to students around the state to broaden access to high-quality education and learning materials, especially in rural communities; individualize instruction methods and timelines; offer flexibility and choice to build on a student's individual interests; and make the best possible use of resources to improve learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) courses, foreign languages, and other subject matter; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with school districts and the Association of Alaska School Boards, the Digital Teaching Initiative will help maximize learning and help us to reach our goal of 90 percent high school graduation as we prepare Alaska's youth for a bright future in a world and workforce that has embraced 21<sup>st</sup> century technology; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Library provides a list of events across the state occurring on Digital Learning Day and gives students, librarians, educators, and parents an opportunity to share their digital success stories via online video at <http://library.alaska.gov>. The State of Alaska supports this and all efforts to promote the effective use of technology in the classroom and the successful integration of high-quality digital experiences in schools across Alaska.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim February 5, 2014 as:

### *Digital Learning Day*

in Alaska, and encourage students, teachers, parents, schools, local libraries, policymakers, and the public to participate in Digital Learning Day activities, learn about new innovations in the classroom, and promote expansion of digital teaching practices already in place in many classrooms across our great state.

Dated: January 27, 2014



A blue ink signature of Sean Parnell.

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