

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, information literacy is defined as the ability to recognize a need for information, and then locate, and effectively and ethically use resources to find information; and

WHEREAS, in the Information Age, knowing how to critically assess and integrate information is indispensable for all research purposes. Understanding how to avoid plagiarism is likewise crucial for private citizens, students, professionals, and public servants alike; and

WHEREAS, in today's workforce, individuals who understand how to find and ethically use information are prepared for success in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, our schools and libraries offer the essential tools for information literacy. We appreciate the hard work and expertise of our librarians and teachers; and

WHEREAS, in order to be educated and engaged, citizens must learn how to effectively evaluate and use sources of information to understand current issues and events; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska supports information literacy awareness. We are reminded of its importance to our state's economic prosperity, our students' educations, and our social wellbeing.

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

Information Literacy Month

in Alaska, and encourage schools, parents, employers, teachers, government agencies, and all institutions to reinforce the need for information literacy among students and their fellow Alaskans.

Dated: September 11, 2012



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.