

# STATE OF ALASKA



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

WHEREAS, Americans will never forget the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in which nearly 3,000 Americans lost their lives in New York City, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, courageous first responders – firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel, and volunteers – fought selflessly to save the lives of others immediately following the attacks. We are deeply grateful for their brave service and mourn the loss of those who sacrificed their lives for others; and

WHEREAS, United States and international citizens united in the aftermath to give blood, donate supplies, and contribute valuable resources and skills to support those directly affected by the attack; and

WHEREAS, an inspiring sense of community, determination, and support prevailed across the nation in the face of this adversity; and

WHEREAS, on this day and every day we reflect on our rights and freedoms as Americans and give thanks for the servicemen and women of the United States Armed Forces who faithfully defend our liberty each day with bravery and dignity; and

WHEREAS, we will never forget the tragic attacks on our country, nor will we allow terror to afflict the spirit and valor of the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2013 as:

### *September 11<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Day*

in Alaska, and urge all citizens to honor the anniversary of September 11<sup>th</sup> as a day of service, patriotism, and compassion as we remember the heroes who were lost, thank those who risk their lives to protect us each day, and reflect on the resilience and strength of our great nation.

Dated: September 9, 2013



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.*