

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2001, the American people endured, with courage and heroism, the worst terrorist attack on United States soil in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, on that fateful day, 19 men hijacked four commercial flights bound for the west coast, flying them into the north and south World Trade Center towers in New York City and the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The fourth airliner crashed into a field just outside of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, after passengers and crew bravely attempted to seize control of the plane; and

WHEREAS, this attack did not and could not defeat or demoralize Americans, as we responded by standing together in a remarkable spirit of unity, resolve, and compassion for one another that has always represented the best of the American spirit. Americans from across the nation and all walks of life immediately brought aid and support to the cities that had been attacked, and many joined the Armed Forces in order to protect our freedom, values, and way of life in the wake of this national tragedy; and

WHEREAS, we will forever remember and honor the nearly 3,000 innocent Americans who lost their lives in the September 11th attacks, as well as the many dedicated and courageous first responders who risked and sacrificed their own lives to save others; and

WHEREAS, heroism is also reflected in the actions of our nation's military members who serve in dangerous missions abroad and at home to ensure the continued security and freedom of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, on the 13th anniversary of the September 11th attacks, let us honor and reflect on those we have lost, and stand firm in our resolve to defend and preserve our great nation and the freedom which has made us so, and recommit to live in a spirit of unity and compassion that binds us together as Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 11, 2014 as:

September 11th Commemoration Day

in Alaska, and urge all Alaskans to honor this day as one of service, patriotism, and compassion in remembrance of the fallen and their families, and in gratitude to all who work to aid and protect the American people.

Dated: September 9, 2014



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.*