

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, the word Alaska is derived from the Aleut word “Alyeska,” meaning “the great land;” and
WHEREAS, Alaska is renowned as the Last Frontier, a land of incomparable beauty; and

WHEREAS, from the heights of Denali to the lush greenery of the Tongass National Forest, and from the blue ice caves of the Malaspina Glacier to the stark beauty of the Inside Passage, Alaska offers natural landscapes, geography, and outdoor settings of unparalleled diversity and wonder; and

WHEREAS, summers in Alaska are filled with outdoor recreational activities, as Alaskans and visitors alike take advantage of the abundance of opportunities to fish, hike, boat, and otherwise enjoy the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, outdoor recreation promotes health, fitness, and environmental awareness, and Great Outdoors Month brings attention to the benefits and joys of outdoor activities, the importance of respecting and caring for our natural spaces, and the dedication of the men and women who care for our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Alaskans are dedicated to the responsible use and development of our natural resources, and educating our youth on the natural wonders that surround us.

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

Great Outdoors Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to take advantage of the beauty of our state by participating in outdoor activities and leading healthier, fuller lives.

Dated: May 3, 2011



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