

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, arts education provides Alaska's students with opportunities to cultivate and express their imagination and creativity; and

WHEREAS, arts education encompasses a wide variety of artistic domains, such as dance, drama, music, theater, literary, and visual arts, and helps students develop critical thinking, problem solving, and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, learning in and through art also enables students to improve their reading comprehension, and fosters self-discipline, motivation, and positive self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the teachers, community members, arts organizations, parents, and local artists whose dedication to Alaska's students have inspired passion, vision, and learning in our schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the important role of arts education in the preservation and continuation of Alaska's rich cultural and historical heritage, and support aspiring artists as they improve upon their skills and explore their talents.

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

Alaska Arts Education Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to support and participate in the arts and cultural programs offered to students of all ages in schools and communities across our great state.

Dated: March 5, 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.