

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps remains an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, advance cultural knowledge and awareness, and expand development at the grass-roots level throughout the developing world; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1961, over 200,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps volunteers in 139 countries around the globe; among them, more than 900 Alaskan men and women; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions in the fields of agriculture, economic development, education, public health, the environment, youth development, and information technology that have allowed individuals to receive and respond to community concerns and needs, further improving the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, the young men and women who join the Peace Corps strengthen the ties of friendship and understanding between the United States and the global community; and

WHEREAS, the experiences of Peace Corps volunteers in other parts of the world further develop their character upon returning to the United States, allowing them to deepen the understanding of other cultures and traditions within their own communities, transforming themselves and others into more well-rounded, resourceful, and conscientious individuals; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of March we recognize the thousands of current and former volunteers who participate in activities around the world that improve mutual understanding of cultures between the United States and other nations; and

WHEREAS, this year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps and honor the legacy of founder Sargent Shriver, and all he did for our nation and the global community.

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

Peace Corps Month

in Alaska, and encourage all citizens to recognize the devoted volunteers and countless achievements the Peace Corps has made towards enriching our global community.

Dated: February 8, 2011



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.