

# STATE OF ALASKA



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

WHEREAS, school counselors are certified, experienced educators employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential and become college, career, and citizenship ready; and

WHEREAS, school counselors implement comprehensive school counseling programs throughout Alaska's schools, and these programs serve as an important part of the educational process, helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to personal awareness and development; and

WHEREAS, school counselors help parents focus on ways to encourage the educational, personal, and social growth of their children; and

WHEREAS, in addition, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive developmental school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society. These programs are considered an integral part of the educational process as they help enable all students to achieve success in school; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "School Counselors: Helping Students Be Brilliant," highlights the unique contributions and profound impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim February 6-10, 2012 as:

### *Alaska School Counseling Week*

in Alaska, and encourage citizens to recognize the role school counselors play in the educational process of all students as they meet the challenges of the twenty-first century.

Dated: January 27, 2012



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