

# STATE OF ALASKA



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

WHEREAS, Alaska's public gardens teach and inspire interest in the natural sciences, appreciation for the bounty of the earth, and are a place of beauty for the thousands of visitors each year; and

WHEREAS, public gardens promote environmental stewardship, education, outdoor recreation, and research in plant conservation; and

WHEREAS, the exquisite beauty of Alaska's public gardens is the result of the efforts of dedicated caretakers who maintain and care for our gardens, and whose efforts create beautiful public spaces for the enjoyment of all; and

WHEREAS, public gardens provide a unique insight into the cultural and historical significance of Alaska's indigenous plants, serving as a reminder of the landscape that surrounded and sustained our ancestors, and a valuable education tool; and

WHEREAS, by fostering a love of nature in younger generations, we encourage them to grow into responsible, aware citizens; and

WHEREAS, public gardens are an invaluable place of learning, and should be appreciated for their educational value and the beauty they bring to our great state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim May 29, 2010 as:

### *Alaska Public Gardens Day*

in Alaska, and encourage citizens to visit the public gardens in their communities, and enjoy the educational and recreational opportunities they offer.

Dated: May 28, 2010



A handwritten signature of Sean Parnell in black ink.

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