

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Governor Sean Parnell*

WHEREAS, Alaska's indigenous plants color the great Alaskan landscape and provide residents with bountiful, life-sustaining resources; and

WHEREAS, the introduction and spread of invasive and noxious weeds threaten our Alaska environment and economy by impacting the health and beauty of our valued agriculture, fishery, tourism, and subsistence resources; and

WHEREAS, invasive weeds and agricultural pests spread aggressively and are easily transported on equipment and recreational vehicles not properly cleaned, contaminated forage, and nursery stock. If not properly managed, weed infestations can result in agricultural crop loss, clogged waterways, degraded salmon spawning habitat, and displacing of migratory bird shelter and food sources; and

WHEREAS, Alaska is at the forefront of invasive weed prevention because of its geographic setting and restricted state entry points; and has the ability to eradicate invasive weeds found in our great state; and

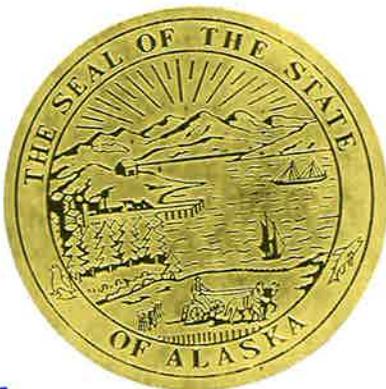
WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources manages noxious weeds, invasive plants, and agricultural pests in order to protect Alaska's valuable resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sean Parnell, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim June 22-28, 2014 as:

Invasive Weeds Awareness Week

in Alaska, and ask all Alaskans to educate themselves and raise awareness on the impacts of invasive weeds and how to stop their introduction and spread in Alaska.

Dated: June 13, 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.