

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation* by *Sarah Palin, Governor*

WHEREAS, most of the new jobs created throughout the United States and in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses.

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce, more than 2,300 people become independent entrepreneurs daily, joining more than 20 million self-employed who make up more than 75 percent of the nation's 26 million-plus business firms nationwide.

WHEREAS, the Partnership for 21st Century Skills identified entrepreneurial literacy skills as one of the 21st century content areas critical to success in communities and workplaces.

WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of young Americans envision starting a business or engaging in entrepreneurial activities as adults.

WHEREAS, the National Governors Association encourages connecting education to economic growth industries, recognizing that entrepreneurship and small business creation are the growth engines of any economy.

WHEREAS, entrepreneurship is vital to Alaska's growth and prosperity.

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of partner organizations in Alaska and throughout the United States are actively engaged in enhancing entrepreneurial opportunities through collaboration and cooperation with the national Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education.

WHEREAS, encouraging youths to be excited about entrepreneurship, and working to expand the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of Alaska youths and adults to be successful entrepreneurs are crucial to the long-term growth of local communities, the state, and the nation.

WHEREAS, Alaska Career and Technical Student Organizations offer an array of programs, activities, and competitive events focused on entrepreneurship.

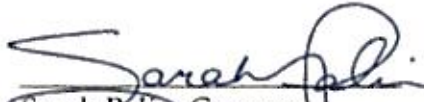
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah Palin, Governor of the state of Alaska, do hereby proclaim February 23–March 1, 2008, as:

### *Entrepreneurship Week*

in Alaska, and acknowledge this week provides an opportunity to focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical, and problem solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces.

Dated: February 22, 2008



  
Sarah Palin, Governor  
who has also authorized the  
seal of the State of Alaska to  
be affixed to this proclamation.