

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation *by* *Sarah Palin, Governor*

WHEREAS, Alaska ranks number one in the nation for avalanche deaths per capita.

WHEREAS, winter outdoor recreation attracts thousands every year.

WHEREAS, Alaska's youth and backcountry enthusiasts have become more involved with the outdoors, going further into the backcountry and mountains due to technological advancements in recreational equipment and the use of motorized vehicles like snowmobiles, snow cats, airplanes, and helicopters.

WHEREAS, education programs for motorized access, glacier travel, and avalanche awareness remain limited or non-existent.

WHEREAS, programs like the 'Be Snow Smart' presentation conducted by the North America Outdoor Institute, designed to educate the youth of Alaska on avalanche awareness and smart winter outdoor travel, will provide needed training.

WHEREAS, organizations like Dean Cummings' H2O Guides and the Alaska Avalanche School provide certified professional instructors to support this effort and recognize the critical need to bring avalanche awareness to every man, woman, and child in Alaska to help reverse the trend of avalanche related accidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah Palin, Governor of the state of Alaska, do hereby proclaim November 2008 as:

Avalanche Awareness Education Month

in Alaska, and encourage all citizens to become more aware about avalanches and safe winter recreation.

Dated: October 22, 2008



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Palin".
Sarah Palin, Governor