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Governor Sean Parnell signs Fire Prevention Month Proclamation

(ANCHORAGE, Alaska) – Governor Sean Parnell signed a proclamation announcing October 2010 as “Fire Prevention Month” in Alaska. Governor Parnell urges Alaskans to protect their loved ones and possessions by focusing on fire safety. The Fire Prevention Month theme for 2010 is “Heaters Need Space”. Unsafe heating practices have been the leading cause of home fires for the last two years in Alaska. Fire Departments throughout the State will be conducting fire safety and prevention programs in schools and public gatherings focusing on this year’s theme.

In an effort to reach all Alaskans with lifesaving fire safety tips, the Alaska Division of Fire and Life Safety has launched a new fire safety iPhone application called “Burny’s Fire Safety App”. This new iPhone application can be downloaded free of charge through iTunes. The application is a fun interactive way to learn fire safety in and around your home. Burny’s Fire Safety App joins Burny’s Facebook page and Raven Island online fire safety game to promote fire safe behavior throughout Alaska and the World Wide Web.

Following these fire safety messages can prevent a fire from starting. Having working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms is important in case a fire does happen. Install, test and maintain your alarms to alert you in case of a fire. Remember that a home fire suppression sprinkler system in conjunction with working smoke alarms gives you the best chance to survive a fire in your home.