



|             |
|-------------|
| yes         |
| date:D:L:d1 |
| xml_no_dtd  |
| UTF-8       |
| UTF-8       |
| GOV         |
| GOV         |
| GOV         |
|             |

**Governor Palin** find >

# News & Announcements

State of Alaska > Governor > News > News Details

## Palin Supports Corrections Commissioner

Joe Schmidt Brings Remarkable Reforms Printer Friendly

No. 08-063

April 22, 2008, Anchorage, Alaska – Governor Sarah Palin today expressed her full support for Department of Corrections Commissioner Joe Schmidt. The Alaska Correctional Officers Association voted today in favor of a “no confidence” measure.

“Commissioner Schmidt has my full support as he and his team continue to bring remarkable reforms to the Department of Corrections,” Governor Palin said. “As Commissioner, Joe has emphasized recruitment and hiring new correctional officers, bringing 34 new officers on board in FY 2007 with an additional 43 authorized for FY 2008. Joe’s strength is his respect for the hard work and talent of his department’s employees, and his understanding of the role the department plays in protecting the public, while providing offenders with the opportunity to successfully return to society. Joe has my unconditional support.”



**Photo archive:** Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, right, signs a Senate bill honoring the late Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race champion Susan Butcher before the ceremonial start of the race in Anchorage, Alaska Saturday, March 1, 2008, as Butcher's daughter, Tekla Monson, left, and her husband, Dave Monson, center, and other daughter Chisana Monson watch. The four time Iditarod champion, died in 2006, will be honored each year on the first Saturday of March, the traditional opening day of the race. (AP Photo/Al Grillo) [Enlarge >](#)

[Bottom of Form](#)  
[Top of Form](#)

[News Archive >](#)

## Quick Links

- [Office of the Lt. Governor](#)
- [Management & Budget](#)
- [FY'08 Enacted Budget](#)
- [Boards and Commissions](#)
- [Administrative Orders](#)
- [Proclamations](#)
- [Human Rights Commission](#)
- [Status of the Flags](#)
- [Official Portraits](#)
- [Contacts/Locations](#)

## Of Interest

**NEW** - [State of Alaska Online Checkbook](#)

[ACES: Alaska's Clear and Equitable Share](#)  
[Cook Inlet Beluga Whale Status Documentation](#)  
[Alaska Export Report](#)  
[Statehood Celebration Commission](#)  
[USMC Roll of Honor](#)  
[Homeland Security \(DMVA\)](#)  
[Avian/Pandemic Flu \(DHSS\)](#)  
[Find Gasline Jobs \(DOLWD\)](#)  
[Alaska Bridge Info \(DOT\)](#)

---

Bottom of Form

[State of Alaska](#) - [Governor](#) - [Webmaster](#) - [Office Locations](#) - [Email Governor](#)

---

Bottom of Form