SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Relating to the conversion of the Naval Air Facility in Adak.

2 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

3 WHEREAS the closure of the Naval Air Facility in Adak, Alaska, is anticipated to occur in 1995; and

4 WHEREAS the land and existing infrastructure of the facility could be used after the closure to benefit people and businesses in the state, as well as to serve the long-term interests of the state and the federal government; and

5 WHEREAS the closure of the facility presents a unique opportunity to develop a new community for the western Aleutians, to promote commercial ventures, and to use the existing land and infrastructure for community purposes; and

6 WHEREAS, unless appropriate steps are taken immediately to preserve the buildings and other infrastructure from damage by wind and moisture, the future use of the existing infrastructure and the development of the Adak community will be jeopardized;

7 BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate supports the conversion of the Naval Air Facility in Adak, Alaska, into a facility that can be used beneficially by the citizens of the western Aleutians; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate respectfully requests the United States Department of Defense to
(1) take effective and timely measures to preserve the infrastructure that constitutes the Naval Air Facility in Adak, Alaska;
(2) work closely with all federal and state agencies, the Department of the Navy, and the Aleut Corporation regarding the future use of the facility after its closure;
(3) designate in a timely manner an authority, preferably the Aleut Corporation, for developing the future use of the property constituting the facility; and
(4) arrange for the transfer of the property that constitutes the facility to the Aleut Corporation as part of the corporation's entitlement under 43 U.S.C. 1601 - 1641 (Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act).

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United States; to the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense; the Honorable John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; the Honorable Alan J. Dixon, Chair of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.