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* GOVERNOR WALTER J. HICKEL *

The Nineteenth Alaska Legislature honors and thanks Governor Walter J. Hickel for his leadership, vision, statesmanship, and service.

Over the past half century, Governor Hickel has shown that one person with a vision and purpose can make a difference. As a private citizen, businessman, governor, leader, and visionary, Governor Hickel has inspired Alaskans to excel.

In his capacity as Alaska's governor from December 1990 to December 1994, Governor Hickel provided leadership and direction to:

Settle the Exxon Valdez oil spill civil and criminal litigation;

Assert Alaska's state's rights through a series of landmark lawsuits challenging the federal government;

Settle the 16-year-old Mental Health Lands Trust dispute by reconstituting the trust with lands and cash;

Pursue and settle back oil tax and royalty cases totaling nearly $4 billion with Alaska's largest taxpayers;

Select the final 23 million acres of the 104 million acres of state land promised in the Statehood Act;

Establish the community development quota program to get a share of the rich Bering Sea fisheries to the residents of Western Alaska; and

Provide $100 million in rural sanitation projects.

For these, and many other initiatives beneficial to Alaskans, we thank Governor Hickel.

After choosing not to run again and leaving office in December, Governor Hickel has gone on to another arena of public service as secretary-general of the Northern Forum. In that capacity, he will continue to represent the interest of Alaska in the Arctic world.

The Nineteenth Alaska Legislature recognizes Walter J. Hickel as a man of vision and wishes he and his wife Ermalee continued success.

March 9, 1995

Senators Leman, Phillips, Pearce, Salo, Taylor, Torgerson, Green, Halford, Miller, Sharp, Rieger, Frank; Representatives Martin, Phillips, Austerman, Brice, Brown, Bunde, B. Davis, G. Davis, Foster, Grussendorf, Hanley, Ivan, James, Kohring, Kott, Kubina, Mackie, MacLean, Masek, Mulder, Navarre, Nicholia, Ogan, Parnell, Porter, Rokeberg, Sanders, Therriault, Toohey, Vezey, Williams, Willis

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