## STATE OF ALASKA THE LEGISLATURE

## 2003

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Relating to the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord, to annual legislative exchanges, and to continuing intergovernmental work on matters of joint concern and mutual interest.

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

**WHEREAS** the citizens of Yukon Territory, Canada, and the citizens of Alaska share many interests and connections and have long enjoyed an extensive and open common border; and

**WHEREAS** the Yukon Legislative Assembly and the Alaska State legislature have a longstanding tradition of annual legislative exchanges since 1980; and

**WHEREAS** Pat Duncan, the former Premier of the Yukon, and Tony Knowles, the former Governor of Alaska, signed the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord on September 8, 2000, for Alaska and the Yukon Territory to work together on matters of joint concern and enter into specific cooperative arrangements; and

WHEREAS the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord will expire on September 8, 2003;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the extension of the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature offers to continue to engage in annual legislative exchanges with the Yukon Legislative Assembly and to continue to work with the Yukon Legislative Assembly on matters of joint concern and mutual interest.

**A COPY** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dennis Fentie, Premier of Yukon Territory.