

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

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Referred: Senate Special Committee on Arctic Affairs, Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 **Recognizing and honoring the relationship between the state and Greenland; and**
2 **recognizing the importance of cooperation between the United States of America and the**
3 **Kingdom of Denmark in the Arctic.**

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 **WHEREAS** the state and Greenland are Arctic neighbors, each blessed with
6 extraordinary natural environments, valuable natural resources, and Indigenous cultures with
7 histories stretching back millennia; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Alaska Native peoples and the Inuit peoples of Greenland share
9 cultural, linguistic, and historical connections that continue to shape Arctic identity,
10 resilience, and stewardship; and

11 **WHEREAS** the state and Greenland face common Arctic-related challenges,
12 including climate change, melting sea ice, coastal erosion, food security, infrastructure needs,
13 and the high cost of living in remote communities; and

14 **WHEREAS** the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark, of which
15 Greenland is an autonomous territory, maintain a long-standing alliance grounded in

1 democratic values, mutual defense, and international cooperation; and

2 **WHEREAS** the United States of American and the Kingdom of Denmark are
3 founding members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and Greenland plays a critical
4 role in the collective security of the North Atlantic and Arctic regions; and

5 **WHEREAS** the presence of Pituffik Space Base in Greenland underscores
6 Greenland's strategic importance to Arctic and global security and its relevance to the state's
7 role in United States Arctic defense; and

8 **WHEREAS** the state and Greenland share strategic interests in Arctic maritime
9 safety, search and rescue, fisheries management, environmental protection, scientific research,
10 and responsible resource development; and

11 **WHEREAS** cooperation among Arctic peoples and governments strengthens
12 economic opportunity, advances innovation, and supports sustainable development
13 throughout the circumpolar North; and

14 **WHEREAS** the state and Greenland benefit from collaboration through international
15 Arctic institutions and forums, including the Arctic Council, which promotes peaceful
16 cooperation, scientific research, and the well-being of Arctic residents; and

17 **WHEREAS** growing global attention to the Arctic heightens the importance of strong
18 relationships among Arctic regions, including the state and Greenland, to ensure that
19 development proceeds in a manner that respects local communities and fragile ecosystems;

20 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes and honors the
21 relationship between the state and Greenland as an essential Arctic partnership grounded in
22 shared geography, culture, and strategic interests; and be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature affirms the importance of
24 continued cooperation between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Denmark,
25 including Greenland, on matters of Arctic security, economic development, environmental
26 protection, and scientific research; and be it

27 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages strengthened
28 collaboration between the state and Greenland in areas including Indigenous exchange,
29 education, renewable energy, fisheries, transportation, and emergency response; and be it

30 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its commitment
31 to fostering friendship, mutual respect, and long-term cooperation between the peoples of the

1 state and Greenland in support of a peaceful, prosperous, and resilient Arctic.

2 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President
3 of the United States; the Honourable Mette Frederiksen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of
4 Denmark; the Honourable Jens-Frederik Nielsen, Prime Minister of Greenland; the Honorable
5 Marco Rubio, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Pete Hegseth, United States
6 Secretary of Defense; General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander, United States Northern
7 Command; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S.
8 Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
9 delegation in Congress.