

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Sponsor Statement

#### Senate Joint Resolution 24

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

Senate Joint Resolution 24 (SJR 24) recognizes and honors the longstanding relationship between the United States of America and Greenland and underscores the importance of continued cooperation between the United States and the Kingdom of Denmark in the Arctic.

As Arctic partners, the United States and Greenland share strategic, economic, and security interests that require close collaboration. Cooperation in areas such as resource management, defense, trade, scientific research, and transportation is essential to maintaining stability and advancing shared objectives in the Arctic region.

Recent discussions at the federal level have raised concerns that actions taken without regard to this critical partnership could undermine long-established cooperation. While efforts to strengthen national self-sufficiency and expand Arctic development are supported, it is important to recognize that progress in the Arctic depends on strong relationships with trusted partners, particularly Greenland and the Kingdom of Denmark.

Senate Joint Resolution 24 provides historical and strategic context for the United States’ relationship with Greenland and Denmark and respectfully urges the federal government to pursue policies that reinforce cooperation, protect mutual interests, and ensure continued stability and success in the Arctic.