

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ARCTIC AFFAIRS

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Referred: Senate Special Committee on Arctic Affairs

**A RESOLUTION**

1    **Recognizing and honoring the relationship between Canada and Alaska; and**  
2    **recognizing the importance of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement negotiated**  
3    **by President Donald J. Trump in October of 2018.**

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

5            **WHEREAS** both Canada and Alaska are blessed with extraordinary natural  
6    environments, valuable natural resources, and shared cultures that stretch back millennia; and

7            **WHEREAS** Canada and Alaska have worked together to create jobs through  
8    integrated economies, to protect our shared environment, airspace, and border, and to defend  
9    North America from threats; and

10           **WHEREAS** the citizens of Canada and the citizens of Alaska have developed deep  
11    friendships, family ties, and collaborative relationships over the course of history; and

12           **WHEREAS** the United States and Canada have developed one of the most successful  
13    international relationships in the modern world, sharing a vibrant history of democratic  
14    governance, military and economic partnerships, and cultural ties; and

15           **WHEREAS** the United States and Canada have been close allies, serving on

1 battlefields alongside one another in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the  
2 Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the Kosovo War, and the War on Terror, including the Global  
3 Coalition against Daesh; and

4 **WHEREAS** the United States and Canada have been partners in the Permanent Joint  
5 Board on Defense since 1940, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization since 1949, and the  
6 North American Aerospace Defense Command since 1958, with Alaska's North American  
7 Aerospace Defense Command region proudly commanded out of Joint Base Elmendorf-  
8 Richardson by an American Commander and a Canadian Deputy Commander; and

9 **WHEREAS** Canada has provided aid to the United States in times of need, including  
10 the Iran hostage crisis, the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center,  
11 Hurricane Katrina, wildfires in Alaska and across the United States, and other disasters; and

12 **WHEREAS** the United States and Canada share the world's longest border at 5,511  
13 miles, 1,538 miles of which are along Alaska's eastern frontier with the Yukon Territory and  
14 the Province of British Columbia; and

15 **WHEREAS** Canada and Alaska strive to advance the goal of sustaining healthy and  
16 resilient Arctic and northern peoples and communities by strengthening economic, cultural,  
17 and family connections across the region; and

18 **WHEREAS** both Canada and the United States benefit from the efficient and secure  
19 movement of people and goods between countries, including as partners in vibrant regional  
20 cruise industries, fishing industries, resource extraction industries, agricultural industries,  
21 energy industries, and medical industries; and

22 **WHEREAS** the United States is Canada's premier partner in the Arctic, and  
23 cooperation between Canada and Alaska is longstanding, including on economic  
24 opportunities, health, education, energy, security, environmental protection, infrastructure,  
25 and public safety issues; and

26 **WHEREAS** Alaska annually exports \$596,000,000 in goods to Canada, including  
27 \$438,000,000 in ore and fuel oil; and

28 **WHEREAS** Alaska annually imports \$753,000,000 from Canada, including  
29 \$370,000,000 in ore and fuel oil; and

30 **WHEREAS** the United States and Canada have the largest and most comprehensive  
31 and balanced trade relationship in the world, totaling \$1,000,000,000,000 annually,

1 representing 13.3 percent of total United States trade, with \$2,500,000,000 worth of goods  
2 and services crossing the United States and Canada border every day; and

3 **WHEREAS** the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement negotiated by President  
4 Donald J. Trump in 2018 provides the framework for much of this bilateral trade, has  
5 provided important updates to the North American Free Trade Agreement, and continues to  
6 grow both economies; and

7 **WHEREAS** more than 20,300 jobs in Alaska rely on trade and investment with  
8 Canada, and more than 47 Canadian-owned companies operate in Alaska and employ 4,350  
9 residents throughout the state; and

10 **WHEREAS** Canada and Alaska share diverse transportation links by road and by sea,  
11 including the Alaska-Canada Highway, constructed during World War II to benefit our shared  
12 defense, the Alaska Marine Highway system, which runs from Bellingham, Washington to  
13 Alaska through Canadian water and has a terminal at Prince Rupert, and the uniquely  
14 interdependent communities of Stewart, British Columbia, and Hyder, Alaska; and

15 **WHEREAS** the imposition of tariffs or other restrictive trade measures threatens this  
16 unique, mutually beneficial relationship and could harm the economies of both Alaska and  
17 Canada, jeopardizing jobs, businesses, and longstanding partnerships;

18 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the vibrancy and  
19 importance of the Alaska-Canada relationship as the world increasingly recognizes the  
20 strategic, economic, environmental, and cultural importance of the Arctic; and be it

21 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature believes that Canada and  
22 Alaska must continue to work together to make our citizens' lives better, safer, more  
23 prosperous, and more affordable; and be it

24 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the importance  
25 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement negotiated by President Donald J. Trump in  
26 2018 and recognizes the economic and trade relationships between our nation and Canada and  
27 Alaska and Canada; and be it

28 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes any restrictive  
29 trade measures that would harm the unique relationship between Canada and Alaska or  
30 negatively affect our integrated economies; and be it

31 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature honors Alaska's alliance

1 with Canada and looks forward to many more years of cooperation, friendship, trade, tourism,  
2 cultural exchange, and good will.

3 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President  
4 of the United States; the Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; the  
5 Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada; the Honourable Mary Ng,  
6 Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, of Canada;  
7 the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence of Canada; the Honorable Marco  
8 Rubio, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Pete Hegseth, United States Secretary  
9 of Defense; General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense  
10 Command and United States Northern Command; Lieutenant General Blaise F. Frawley,  
11 Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command; Craig Weichel, Consul  
12 General of Canada in Seattle, Washington; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the  
13 Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S.  
14 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.