

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Requesting the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation to revise the standard time zones in which Alaska is located.

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

WHEREAS Alaska is the only state that spans four time zones; and

WHEREAS the time differences between the communities in Alaska create an artificial barrier that impairs efforts to improve communications among the widely scattered population centers of this vast state; and

WHEREAS the elimination of the time differential between the state capital and the other centers of finance, trade, and commerce in Alaska would bring state government closer to all the people of the state; and

WHEREAS the transfer of most of Alaska to the Yukon Standard Time Zone would place most Alaskans on an identical time schedule that would avoid inconvenience to the traveler, the transportation industry, and other commercial enterprises; and

WHEREAS federal law (15 U.S.C. secs. 260 - 267; 49 U.S.C. sec. 1655(e)(5)) regulates the time on which all federal offices and common carriers engaged in interstate and foreign commerce operate and grants to the United States Secretary of Transportation the authority to redefine the boundaries of time zones that serve the United States;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation to redefine the boundaries of the time zones in which Alaska is located by shifting those portions of the state located in the Pacific Standard Time Zone and the Alaska Standard Time Zone to the Yukon Standard Time Zone and by shifting that portion of the

state located in the Bering Standard Time Zone to the Alaska Standard Time Zone.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Elizabeth Dole, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.