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Relating to a joint legislative conference of the Yukon Legislative Assembly, the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, and the Alaska State Legislature.

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

WHEREAS the State of Alaska and the Yukon Territory are neighbors, sharing over 700 miles of international boundary; and

WHEREAS Alaska and the Yukon Territory share rich Native and non-Native cultures that long predate the establishment of international boundaries; and

WHEREAS Alaska and the Yukon Territory share a common habitat for caribou, salmon and other wildlife resources; and

WHEREAS Alaska and the Yukon Territory share the potential for development of tourism, hydroelectric power, and mineral resources; and

WHEREAS Alaska and the Yukon Territory have made cooperative agreements in the areas of transportation and tourism; and

WHEREAS Alaska, the Yukon Territory, and the Northwest Territories lie in or near the arctic and thus share common problems and challenges that can best be solved by greater communication and cooperation between the state and territorial governments, rather than at the federal level; and

WHEREAS increased communication, and a mutual understanding of our forms of government will foster improved international cooperation; and

WHEREAS in 1982 the Alaska State Legislature, the Yukon Legislative Assembly and the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly held a joint legislative conference in order to foster such cooperation, and in 1983, 1984, and 1986 the Alaska State

Legislature and the Yukon Legislative Assembly held similar conferences; and

WHEREAS a delegation from the Alaska State Legislature was invited to meet with the Yukon Legislature this year during the Arctic Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature invites members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly and the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly to meet in Juneau, Alaska during the First Session of the Fifteenth State Legislature, between January and May 1987, for a joint conference; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature is encouraged to foster cooperation and friendship with the Yukon Legislative Assembly and the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly by continuing joint legislative conferences in the years ahead.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to all members of the Yukon Legislative Assembly and the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly.