

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to establishing a United States Navy homeport in Alaska.

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

WHEREAS naval activities in the North Pacific and Arctic Ocean have increased dramatically in recent years to the extent that more foreign vessels now operate in these waters than the United States registers or deploys worldwide; and

WHEREAS Alaska, the United States and Canada are vulnerable to economic and military pressures from the potential foreign capability to operate in northern oceans with nuclear and conventional polar class icebreakers and other ice-strengthened ships; and

WHEREAS Alaska's coastline of approximately 6,640 miles is longer than that of the rest of the continental United States; and

WHEREAS Alaska is opening to international trade and exchange that supports greater naval presence; and

WHEREAS Alaska occupies a pivotal and strategic position in relation to the Pacific and Arctic Rims; and

WHEREAS Alaska contains vast quantities of natural resources that are of strategic importance to the United States; and

WHEREAS establishing a Navy homeport at one or more Alaskan communities could provide greater sustainability for naval operations in the North Pacific and Arctic Oceans;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and the Alaska State Legislature strongly urge the United States Navy to consider establishing a homeport at one or more Alaskan communities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska is willing to seriously consider investment of as much as \$100,000,000, through a cooperative arrangement with the United States Navy, to develop infrastructure or other capital improvements necessary for the establishment of a major, long-term Navy homeport in Alaska; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the willingness of the State of Alaska to provide infrastructure or other capital improvements is contingent upon the completion of a cost-benefit analysis, including consideration of relevant economic, social, and environmental factors that demonstrates that the state would derive net benefits from an investment of public funds or other resources; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Alaska strongly urges the United States Navy to secure from any homeport community its support as to siting and work with it on issues of mutual concern, including the development of an appropriate emergency management plan that addresses public safety and other issues.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Frank Carlucci, Secretary of Defense; to the Honorable William Ball, III, Secretary of the Navy; 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.