

STATE OF ALASKA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 94

1996



1 Under the authority of art. III, sec. 23, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance
2 with AS 24.08.210, I order the following:

3 * **Section 1.** FINDINGS. As governor, I find that it would be in the best interests of
4 efficient administration to transfer the functions and duties of the division of international
5 trade to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development. This will provide the
6 department with the statutory basis to formally integrate these functions and duties with other
7 department functions and thereby allow cost savings and the continuation of services.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 39.25.120(c)(21) is amended to read:

9 (21) the director and deputy director assigned to [OF THE DIVISION
10 OF] international trade functions in the Department of Commerce and Economic
11 Development under AS 44.33.800;

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.33.800(a) is amended to read:

13 (a) The [THERE IS ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE] Department of
14 Commerce and Economic Development is authorized [THE DIVISION OF
15 INTERNATIONAL TRADE] to foster the growth of trade between Alaska and foreign
16 countries.

17 * **Sec. 4.** AS 44.33.800(b) is amended to read:

1 (b) The department [DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE] shall
2 maintain foreign offices, including an office located in Tokyo, Japan and Seoul,
3 Republic of Korea. The foreign offices shall serve as outlets for information related
4 to economic development, resources, and trade and as contact points for government
5 and private industry of Alaska and for the Pacific Rim nations of Asia and other
6 foreign countries to promote and maintain trade between the state and those countries.

7 * Sec. 5. AS 44.33.800(d) is amended to read:

8 (d) The governor shall direct all state agencies, and request the federal
9 government and private industry, to provide the department [DIVISION OF
10 INTERNATIONAL TRADE] with necessary reports, brochures, and information
11 requested by the department [DIVISION STAFF].

12 * Sec. 6. AS 44.33.800(e) is amended to read:

13 (e) The commissioner shall prepare a report annually on the activities and
14 accomplishments of the department under this section [DIVISION OF
15 INTERNATIONAL TRADE] and notify the legislature that the report is available.

16 * Sec. 7. AS 44.33.800(f) is amended to read:

17 (f) The expenses of operating the department's activities under this section,
18 including [DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND] its foreign offices, shall
19 be included in appropriations made to the department [DEPARTMENT OF
20 COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT].

21 * Sec. 8. AS 44.33.800 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

22 (g) In this section, "department" means the Department of Commerce and
23 Economic Development.

24 * Sec. 9. TRANSITION. (a) Litigation, hearings, investigations, and other proceedings
25 pending under a law amended by this Order, or in connection with functions transferred by
26 this Order, continue in effect and may be continued and completed notwithstanding a transfer
27 provided for in this Order.

28 (b) Contracts, rights, liabilities, and obligations created by or under a law amended by
29 this Order, and in effect on June 30, 1996, remain in effect notwithstanding this Order's taking
30 effect. Records, equipment, appropriations, and other property of agencies of the state whose

- 1 functions are transferred under this Order shall be transferred to implement the provisions of
2 this Order.
3 * **Sec. 10.** This Order takes effect July 1, 1996.

DATED: January 8, 1996

/ s/ Tony Knowles
Tony Knowles
Governor