

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord, to annual legislative**
2 **exchanges, and to continuing intergovernmental work on matters of joint concern and**
3 **mutual interest.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** the citizens of Yukon Territory, Canada, and the citizens of Alaska share
6 many interests and connections, and have long enjoyed an extensive and open common
7 border; and

8 **WHEREAS** the Yukon Legislative Assembly and the Alaska State legislature have a
9 longstanding tradition of annual legislative exchanges since 1980; and

10 **WHEREAS** Pat Duncan, the former Premier of the Yukon, and Tony Knowles, the
11 former Governor of Alaska, signed the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord on
12 September 8, 2000, for Alaska and the Yukon Territory to work together on matters of joint
13 concern and enter into specific cooperative arrangements; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord will expire on
15 September 8, 2003;

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the extension of the
2 Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature offers to continue to
4 engage in annual legislative exchanges with the Yukon Legislative Assembly and to continue
5 to work with the Yukon Legislative Assembly on matters of joint concern and mutual interest.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Dennis Fentie, Premier of
7 Yukon Territory; and to the Honorable Frank Murkowski, Governor of Alaska.