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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 112

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.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
 4 to read:

5 FINDINGS. As governor, I find that it would be in the best interests of efficient
 6 administration to transfer international trade functions and duties from the Department of
 7 Community and Economic Development to the Office of the Governor. This will provide my
 8 office with the statutory authority to formally integrate these functions and duties with other
 9 office functions, thereby allowing cost savings and the efficient continuation of these services.

10 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.19 is amended by adding a new section to read:

11 **Sec. 44.19.017. International trade.** (a) The Office of the Governor is
 12 authorized to foster the growth of

13 (1) trade between Alaska and foreign countries; and

14 (2) international trade within the state and administer Alaska foreign
 15 offices.

16 (b) The governor shall maintain foreign offices, including an office located in
 17 Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, Republic of Korea. The foreign offices shall serve as outlets
 18 for information related to economic development, resources, and trade and as contact
 19 points for government and private industry of Alaska and the Pacific Rim nations of
 20 Asia and other foreign countries to promote and maintain trade between the state and
 21 those countries.

22 (c) The governor shall staff the foreign offices with persons the governor
 23 selects based on their experience, training, and linguistic ability. The governor shall
 24 solicit ideas from the legislature regarding desirable staff qualifications and its
 25 recommendations of persons to staff the offices. The governor may hire additional

1 personnel as necessary.

2 (d) The governor shall direct all state agencies, and request the federal
3 government and private industry, to provide necessary reports, brochures, and
4 information requested by the governor.

5 (e) The governor shall prepare a report annually on the activities and
6 accomplishments of the Office of the Governor under this section and notify the
7 legislature that the report is available.

8 (f) The expenses of operating the activities of the Office of the Governor
9 under this section, including its foreign offices, shall be included in appropriations
10 made to the Office of the Governor.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.33.020(42) and 44.33.800 are repealed.

12 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
13 read:

14 TRANSITION. (a) Litigation, hearings, investigations, and other proceedings pending
15 under a law repealed by this Executive Order, or in connection with functions transferred by
16 this Order, continue in effect and may be continued and complete notwithstanding a transfer
17 provided for in this Order.

18 (b) Contracts, rights, liabilities, and obligations created by or under a law repealed by
19 this Executive Order, and in effect on March 12, 2004, remain in effect notwithstanding this
20 Order's taking effect. Records, equipment, appropriations, and other property of agencies of
21 the state whose functions are transferred under this Order shall be transferred to implement
22 the provisions of this Order.

23 * **Sec. 5.** This Order takes effect March 13, 2004.

DATED: _____

Frank H. Murkowski
Governor