

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR HUGGINS

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Honoring President Reagan on the 100th anniversary of his birth.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked
4 throughout his life to serve freedom and to advance the public good; and

5 **WHEREAS** Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction as a union leader, as a
6 member of the armed forces of the United States, as Governor of California, and, for two
7 terms, as the President of the United States; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated as President of the
9 United States, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high
10 unemployment; and

11 **WHEREAS**, during his Presidential term, Ronald Reagan led a bipartisan effort to
12 enact a bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to the government, which
13 led to unprecedented economic growth and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

14 **WHEREAS** President Reagan's commitment to the armed forces of the United States
15 contributed to the restoration of pride in America and its values and prepared the armed forces
16 to meet the challenges of the 21st century; and

1 **WHEREAS** President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of
2 the Cold War and the eventual demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights
3 for millions of people; and

4 **WHEREAS** President Reagan's leadership and foreign policy expanded the scope of
5 democracy and freedom in the Middle East, Europe, the Caribbean, and Central America; and

6 **WHEREAS** President Reagan laid the groundwork for the reunification of Germany
7 and the destruction of the Berlin Wall; and

8 **WHEREAS** President Reagan signed the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty
9 between the United States and the Soviet Union, establishing the framework for the Strategic
10 Arms Reduction Treaty and the reduction in the number of nuclear warheads the two super
11 power nations had primed for launch; and

12 **WHEREAS** President Reagan advanced equality for women by appointing Sandra
13 Day O'Connor, as the first woman Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and

14 **WHEREAS**, throughout his presidency, Ronald Reagan advocated limiting federal
15 control over the land and natural resources of Alaska; and

16 **WHEREAS**, in 1983, President Reagan signed into law the Alaska Railroad Transfer
17 Act, transferring ownership of the Alaska Railroad to the state; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 1984, President Reagan met with Pope John Paul II in Fairbanks to
19 discuss pressing world issues; and

20 **WHEREAS** President Reagan signed legislation that authorized the payment of
21 reparations to the Aleuts who had been displaced from their homes and sent to internment
22 camps, known as "duration villages," during World War II; and

23 **WHEREAS** President Reagan supported the Village Built Clinic Program, which
24 funded Indian Health Service clinics in Alaska Native villages throughout the state and
25 brought basic health care to many Alaskans; and

26 **WHEREAS** President Reagan authorized the establishment of the federal government
27 8(a) Business Development Program, which brought economic development and benefits to
28 Alaska Native Corporations; and

29 **WHEREAS** February 6, 2011, is the 100th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth and
30 the seventh since his death;

31 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes and honors

1 President Ronald Reagan on the 100th anniversary of his birth for his accomplishments in
2 service to his country, to Alaska, and to the whole world.

3 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the
4 Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,
5 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress; former first lady Nancy Reagan; and the
6 Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library.