

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATORS MCGUIRE, Hoffman, Bishop, Gardner, Fairclough, Giessel, Egan, Meyer, Dunleavy, Micciche, Olson, Kelly, Dyson, Huggins, Stevens, Ellis, Coghill**

**Introduced: 1/22/13**

**Referred: Taken Up**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Welcoming the delegates of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region from Alberta, the**  
2 **Northwest Territories, and Saskatchewan; and relating to collaboration with the**  
3 **governments of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories and other representatives of**  
4 **the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region.**

5 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:**

6 **WHEREAS** the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region was formed in 1991 as a forum  
7 for collaborative public and private sector planning among the states of Alaska, Montana,  
8 Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, the Canadian provinces and territories of the Yukon, the  
9 Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan, and the national capitals  
10 of Washington, D.C., and Ottawa, Canada; and

11 **WHEREAS** the Arctic Caucus of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region was  
12 formed in November 2009 as an informal group of legislature, government officials, business  
13 leaders, and nonprofit organization leaders committed to the responsible development of  
14 North America's Arctic region; and

15 **WHEREAS** the purpose of the Arctic Caucus is to provide a forum within the Pacific

1 NorthWest Economic Region for the Arctic jurisdictions of Alaska, the Yukon, and the  
2 Northwest Territories to share information, discuss issues of mutual concern, and identify  
3 areas for collaboration, including working with other jurisdictions and providing Arctic-  
4 related input to the working groups of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region; and

5 **WHEREAS** there is much to be gained by Alaska, the Yukon, and the Northwest  
6 Territories closely sharing strategies to solve common problems and working together to  
7 solve these problems; and

8 **WHEREAS**, this year, the Arctic Caucus will be providing input to the Pacific  
9 NorthWest Economic Region annual summit in Anchorage, Alaska, on July 14 - 19, 2013;

10 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senate welcomes the visiting delegates of the Pacific  
11 NorthWest Economic Region to Alaska's state capital; and be it

12 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Senate invites the governments of the Pacific  
13 NorthWest Economic Region to continue our enduring alliance in pursuit of the common  
14 goals of our regions.

15 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Right Honourable Stephen Harper,  
16 Prime Minister of Canada; the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States; the  
17 Honourable John Morris Duncan, Canadian Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern  
18 Development; the Honorable Ken Salazar, United States Secretary of the Interior; the  
19 Honourable Bob McLeod, Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Northwest Territories;  
20 the Honourable Denis Stevens, Consul General of the Consulate General of Canada in Seattle,  
21 Washington; the Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor of Alaska; the Honorable Mead  
22 Treadwell, Lieutenant Governor of Alaska; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the  
23 Honorable Mark Begich, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative,  
24 members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.