

**CS FOR HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11(RES)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/17/25**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KOPP, Saddler, Story, Dibert, Fields, Holland, Gray, Eischeid, Burke, Hall, Bynum, Mina, Schwanke, Hannan, Josephson, Himschoot, Galvin, Stutes, Schrage**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 **Recognizing and honoring the relationship between Canada and Alaska.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** Canada and the United States share the world's longest international  
4 border, spanning 5,511 miles, with Alaska and Canada sharing 1,538 miles of that border,  
5 which serves as a vital corridor for trade, travel, and cross-border cooperation; and

6 **WHEREAS** Canada is Alaska's only neighbor, reinforcing a unique and deeply  
7 interconnected relationship built on geography, history, and mutual economic and cultural  
8 ties; and

9 **WHEREAS** both Canada and Alaska are blessed with extraordinary natural  
10 environments, valuable natural resources, and shared cultures that stretch back millennia; and

11 **WHEREAS** Canada and Alaska have worked together to create jobs through  
12 integrated economies, to protect our shared environment, airspace, and border, and to defend  
13 North America from threats; and

14 **WHEREAS** the citizens of Canada and the citizens of Alaska have developed deep  
15 friendships, family ties, and collaborative relationships over the course of history; and

16 **WHEREAS** Alaska and Canada have long supported international sporting and

1 cultural exchanges, which promote youth development, athletic excellence, and cross-cultural  
2 understanding between the northern communities of the United States and Canada; and

3 **WHEREAS** the United States and Canada have developed one of the most successful  
4 international relationships in the modern world, sharing a vibrant history of democratic  
5 governance, military and economic partnerships, and cultural ties; and

6 **WHEREAS** the United States and Canada have been close allies, serving on  
7 battlefields alongside one another in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Gulf  
8 War, the Kosovo War, and the War on Terror, including the Global Coalition against Daesh;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS** the United States and Canada have been partners in the Permanent Joint  
11 Board on Defense since 1940, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization since 1949, and the  
12 North American Aerospace Defense Command since 1958, with Alaska's North American  
13 Aerospace Defense Command region proudly commanded out of Joint Base Elmendorf-  
14 Richardson by an American Commander and a Canadian Deputy Commander; and

15 **WHEREAS** Canada has provided aid to the United States in times of need, including  
16 the Iran hostage crisis, the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center,  
17 Hurricane Katrina, wildfires in Alaska and across the United States, and other disasters; and

18 **WHEREAS** Alaska recognizes the importance of a strong and sovereign nation of  
19 Canada and firmly supports Canada's right to self-determination, national security, and  
20 economic independence; and

21 **WHEREAS** Canada and Alaska strive to advance the goal of sustaining healthy and  
22 resilient Arctic and northern peoples and communities by strengthening economic, cultural,  
23 and family connections across the region and by recognizing the historical trade and relations  
24 of tribes on both sides of today's border; and

25 **WHEREAS** both Canada and the United States benefit from the efficient and secure  
26 movement of people and goods between countries, including as partners in vibrant regional  
27 cruise industries, fishing industries, resource extraction industries, agricultural industries,  
28 energy industries, and medical industries; and

29 **WHEREAS** the United States is Canada's premier partner in the Arctic, and  
30 cooperation between Canada and Alaska is longstanding, including on economic  
31 opportunities, health, education, energy, security, environmental protection, infrastructure,

1 and public safety issues; and

2 **WHEREAS** Alaska annually exports \$596,000,000 in goods to Canada, including  
3 \$438,000,000 in ore and fuel oil; and

4 **WHEREAS** Alaska annually imports \$753,000,000 from Canada, including  
5 \$370,000,000 in ore and fuel oil; and

6 **WHEREAS** the United States and Canada have the largest and most comprehensive  
7 and balanced trade relationship in the world, totaling \$1,000,000,000,000 annually,  
8 representing 13.3 percent of total United States trade, with \$2,500,000,000 worth of goods  
9 and services crossing the United States and Canada border every day; and

10 **WHEREAS** the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement negotiated in 2018  
11 provides the framework for much of this bilateral trade, has provided important updates to the  
12 North American Free Trade Agreement, and continues to grow both economies; and

13 **WHEREAS** more than 20,300 jobs in Alaska rely on trade and investment with  
14 Canada, and more than 47 Canadian-owned companies operate in Alaska and employ 4,350  
15 residents throughout the state; and

16 **WHEREAS** Canada and Alaska share diverse transportation links by road and by sea,  
17 including the Alaska-Canada Highway, constructed during World War II to benefit our shared  
18 defense, the Alaska Marine Highway system, which runs from Bellingham, Washington to  
19 Alaska through Canadian water and has a terminal at Prince Rupert, and the uniquely  
20 interdependent communities of Stewart, British Columbia, and Hyder, Alaska; and

21 **WHEREAS** the imposition of recent proposed tariffs could threaten this unique,  
22 mutually beneficial relationship and could harm the economies of both Alaska and Canada,  
23 jeopardizing jobs, businesses, and longstanding partnerships;

24 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the vibrancy and  
25 importance of the Alaska-Canada relationship as the world increasingly recognizes the  
26 strategic, economic, environmental, and cultural importance of the Arctic; and be it

27 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature believes that Canada and  
28 Alaska must continue to work together to make our citizens' lives better, safer, more  
29 prosperous, and more affordable; and be it

30 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature recognizes the economic  
31 and trade relationships between our nation and Canada and Alaska and Canada; and be it

1           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes restrictive trade  
2 measures that would harm the unique relationship between Canada and Alaska or negatively  
3 affect our integrated economies; and be it

4           **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature honors Alaska's alliance  
5 with Canada and looks forward to many more years of cooperation, friendship, trade, tourism,  
6 cultural exchange, and good will.

7           **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President  
8 of the United States; the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada; the  
9 Honourable Mélanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada; the Honourable Mary Ng,  
10 Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade and Economic Development, of Canada;  
11 the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence of Canada; the Honorable Marco  
12 Rubio, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Pete Hegseth, United States Secretary  
13 of Defense; General Gregory M. Guillot, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense  
14 Command and United States Northern Command; Lieutenant General Blaise F. Frawley,  
15 Deputy Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command; Craig Weichel, Consul  
16 General of Canada in Seattle, Washington; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the  
17 Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Nicholas Begich, U.S.  
18 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.