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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 29

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to the proposed foreign trade

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zone in southcentral Alaska.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

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WHEREAS the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough,

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and the Anchorage International Airport are preparing a joint application

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requesting the United States Foreign Trade Zone Board to approve the estab-

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lishment of a foreign trade zone in the southcentral part of the state; and

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WHEREAS the proposed foreign trade zone is comprised of three sites at

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the Port of Anchorage, two sites near Point MacKenzie in the Matanuska-

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Susitna Borough, and four sites at the Anchorage International Airport; and

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WHEREAS the recent downturn in Alaska's economy caused by the decline

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in oil prices points out the need for a more diversified economy in the

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state; and

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WHEREAS the primary objectives of creating the proposed foreign trade

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zone are to promote economic diversification in the southcentral and

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interior parts of the state and to increase the export potential of those

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areas; and

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WHEREAS the proposed foreign trade zone would attract industrial and

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commercial development to the area near the zone; and

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WHEREAS much interest has been expressed in developing the natural

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resources near the area of the proposed foreign trade zone for export to

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Pacific Rim nations, and the zone would facilitate this development; and

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WHEREAS foreign trade zone designation would improve employment oppor-

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tunities and expand the tax base in the southcentral part of the state;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature supports the proposed

1 joint application by the Municipality of Anchorage, the Matanuska-Susitna
2 Borough, and the Anchorage International Airport for establishment of a
3 foreign trade zone in the southcentral part of the state by the United
4 States Foreign Trade Zone Board; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United
6 States Foreign Trade Zone Board to approve, once the application has been
7 submitted, the establishment of the requested foreign trade zone.

8 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Malcolm
9 Baldrige, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable James
10 A. Baker, III, Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury, and the
11 Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr., Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Army,
12 members of the U.S. Foreign Trade Zone Board; and to the Honorable Ted
13 Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable
14 Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Con-
15 gress.