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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79

1 Under the authority of art. III, sec. 23, of the Alaska Constitution, and in accordance with

2 AS 24.08.210, I order the following:

3 * **Section 1. FINDINGS.** As governor, I find that it would be in the best interests of efficient
4 administration to move the Office of International Trade, including the Alaska Foreign Offices, from the
5 Office of the Governor to a new Division of International Trade within the Department of Commerce
6 and Economic Development, thus integrating the state's international trade activities within the state
7 agency responsible for the comprehensive economic development of the State of Alaska.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 39.25.120(c) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

9 (21) the director and deputy director of the division of international trade in the
10 Department of Commerce and Economic Development.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.33.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

12 (33) foster the growth of international trade within the state and administer Alaska
13 foreign offices.

14 * **Sec. 4.** AS 44.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 **ARTICLE 9. DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.**

16 AS 44.33.800. **DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.** (a) There is established
17 within the Department of Commerce and Economic Development the division of international
18 trade to foster the growth of trade between Alaska and foreign countries.

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

1 (c) The commissioner shall staff the foreign offices with persons the commissioner
2 selects based on their experience, training, and linguistic ability. The commissioner shall solicit
3 ideas from the legislature regarding desirable staff qualifications and its recommendations of
4 persons to staff the offices. The commissioner may hire additional personnel as necessary.

5 (d) The governor shall direct all state agencies, and request the federal government and
6 private industry, to provide the division of international trade with necessary reports, brochures,
7 and information requested by division staff.

8 (e) The commissioner shall report annually to the legislature on the activities and
9 accomplishments of the division of international trade.

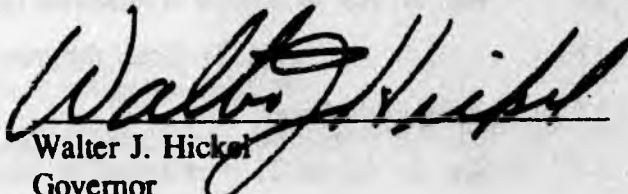
10 (f) The expenses of operating the division of international trade and its foreign offices
11 shall be included in appropriations made to the Department of Commerce and Economic
12 Development.

13 * Sec. 5. AS 44.19.075 is repealed.

14 * Sec. 6. TRANSITION. Contracts, rights, liabilities, and obligations created by or under a law
15 amended or repealed by this Executive Order, and in effect on March 22, 1991, remain in effect
16 notwithstanding this Order's taking effect. Records, equipment, appropriations, and other property of
17 agencies of the state whose functions are transferred under this Order shall be transferred to implement
18 the provisions of this Order.

19 * Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Order takes effect March 23, 1991.

20 DATED: 1-21-91

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Walter J. Hickel
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