

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
EIGHTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROWN

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Referred: House Special Committee on International Trade and Tourism, Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging modification of the North American Free Trade Agreement.**

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

3 **WHEREAS** great uncertainty exists regarding the effect of the proposed North
4 American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on state laws and regulations; and

5 **WHEREAS** environmental protection laws and regulations of Alaska and other states
6 could be interpreted under NAFTA as trade barriers; and

7 **WHEREAS** NAFTA could potentially preclude preferential treatment of Alaska
8 residents and Alaska products in state procurement; and

9 **WHEREAS** NAFTA could limit a state's flexibility when offering special programs,
10 subsidies, or investment incentives to its domestic industries, such as fish hatcheries; and

11 **WHEREAS** NAFTA could allow the use of banned chemicals on food imported into
12 the United States;

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the United States Congress
14 to obtain modifications to the North American Free Trade Agreement in order to protect the
15 existing rights of states, where not precluded by federal law, to manage their natural resources
16 and environment, to encourage their economic development, and to protect their citizens.

17 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the

1 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Vice-President of the United States and President of
2 the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Robert C. Byrd, President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate;
3 the Honorable Thomas S. Foley, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the Honorable
4 Ron Brown, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce; the Honorable Bruce Babbitt,
5 Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior; the Honorable Mike Espy, Secretary of the
6 U.S. Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Carol M. Browner, Administrator of the U.S.
7 Environmental Protection Agency; the Honorable Mickey Kantor, U.S. Trade Representative;
8 and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and
9 the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in
10 Congress.