

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to federal cooperation with the State of Alaska in the provision of geological and geographical data regarding off-shore areas.

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

WHEREAS the efficient and environmentally sound development of America's outer continental petroleum resources is in the best interests of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS sixty per cent of America's outer continental shelf lies off the coast of Alaska; and

WHEREAS it has been estimated that between three and thirty-three billion barrels of petroleum reserves lie beneath Alaska's outer continental shelf; and

WHEREAS exploration for and development of these outer continental shelf resources will, without proper planning and coordination, place unnecessary social, financial and environmental burdens on the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS the state's own resource management programs of its submerged lands and tidelands areas are vitally affected by federal actions on the outer continental shelf;

BE IT RESOLVED that the President of the United States is respectfully requested to direct the U. S. Department of the Interior, the U. S. Geological Survey, the Bureau of Land Management, and other appropriate federal agencies to provide, at the earliest possible time, full and complete cooperation to the State of Alaska in the form of access to federal information on the geology, geophysics, geography, resource base and any other relevant data relating to the outer continental shelf that will assist the state in planning for and managing its own resource development programs and planning for and managing the onshore impacts of federal resource development programs.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Jimmy Carter, President of the United States; the Honorable Cecil Andrus, Secretary of the Interior; the Director of the U. S. Geological Survey; the Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.