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Relating to Siberian medical research.

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

WHEREAS the state has strong historic bonds with the Territory of Siberia within the U.S.S.R.; and

WHEREAS the state represents the primary American interest in the northern arctic and subarctic regions; and

WHEREAS the U.S.S.R. and the United States of America have signed a medical research agreement giving the University of Alaska the responsibility and authority to teach, develop, research, and coordinate circumpolar interests between the United States and the Siberian branch of the Academy of Medical Sciences in the U.S.S.R.; and

WHEREAS this medical research agreement is the first ever to be signed between the Territory of Siberia and a western nation and reflects the unique and common environmental problems shared by both areas; and

WHEREAS the people of the state have a strong desire to promote good relations within the border area of the Bering Sea shared by the U.S.S.R. and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS common family ties also exist across the border area; and

WHEREAS the medical research agreement has been cited as a potential model for further cooperation between the U.S.S.R. and the United States of America;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature expresses its support for the University of Alaska's Siberian medical

research program, and encourages all citizens of the state to participate in this historic effort to further peaceful cooperation and understanding.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald Reagan, President of the United States, and to Mikhail S. Gorbachev, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; to Evgeny Chazov, Minister of Health of the U.S.S.R.; His Excellency Yuriy V. Dubinin, Ambassador of the U.S.S.R. to the United States; to the Honorable George P. Shultz, United States Secretary of State; the Honorable Otis R. Bowen, M.D., United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; Robert Windom, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services, and Director of the U.S. Public Health Service; Donald D. O'Dowd, President of the University of Alaska; to each of the following: the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States; the Siberian Branch of the Academy of Medical Sciences of the U.S.S.R.; the Peoples Soviet of the Territory of Siberia of the U.S.S.R.; the Peoples Soviet of the Territory of Khabarovsk of the U.S.S.R.; the Soviet Medical Workers Union; and the House of Friendship with Peoples of Foreign Countries, Far Eastern Countries Department, U.S.S.R.; to the United States Arctic Research Commission; the President's Office on United States-Soviet Initiatives; the National Institutes of Health, Fogarty International Center; the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.