

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Supporting bilateral aviation agreements to better promote international tourism and the movement of cargo through the Alaska International Airport System.

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

WHEREAS the international movement of cargo and passengers along air routes available for service by Alaska airports is increasing and will continue to increase over the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS Alaska, with its unique geopolitical position is a national resource with an inimitable opportunity to service intercontinental, international, and domestic flights; and

WHEREAS Alaska's airports have developed world-class facilities for the smooth, efficient, and cost-effective handling of tremendous volumes of international passenger and cargo traffic; and

WHEREAS more than 1,700,000 passengers and 7,100,000,000 pounds of cargo flying between Europe and Asia traveled through the Alaska International Airport System in 1988; and

WHEREAS Alaska's efforts to attract international visitors are greatly hampered by unnecessary limitations on landing rights, visas, and international carriers flying domestic routes; and

WHEREAS an aviation bilateral committee has been established in the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to coordinate state action in support of efforts to expand international visitation and use of the Alaska International Airport System; and

WHEREAS the United States is currently involved in negotiations to secure new bilateral aviation agreements with countries

likely to pursue air travel opportunities in Alaska if allowed; and

WHEREAS the United States government is currently working to establish a more positive international air travel system that is likely to benefit Alaska; and

WHEREAS technological developments, including production of the Boeing 747-400, make transpolar travel possible without refueling stopovers in Alaska; and

WHEREAS these technological developments may have negative effects on Alaska's ability to directly serve international markets;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the Governor to continue to ensure that all departments of state government work cooperatively to advance Alaska's interests in international aviation bilateral agreements; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly encourages the United States Department of State and Department of Transportation to continue to support Alaska's efforts to address the opportunities existing in the international air travel market through the ongoing bilateral aviation agreement negotiations.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to James A. Baker, III, Secretary of State; Samuel K. Skinner, Secretary of Transportation; 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.