

STATE OF ALASKA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 79

1991



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,
5 from the Office of the Governor to a new Division of International Trade within the Department
6 of Commerce and Economic Development, thus integrating the state's international trade
7 activities within the state agency responsible for the comprehensive economic development of
8 the State of Alaska.

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

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

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

13 (33) foster the growth of international trade within the state and administer

1 Alaska foreign offices.

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

3 ARTICLE 9. DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 * Sec. 5. AS 44.19.075 is repealed.

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

- 1 * Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Order takes effect March 23, 1991.
- 2 DATED: January 21, 1991.

/s/ Walter J. Hickel, Governor