

# STATE OF ALASKA

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Relating to the United States v. Exxon plea agreement.

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

**WHEREAS** the T/V Exxon Valdez oil spill of March 1989 and the actions taken by the United States, the State of Alaska, and Exxon Corporation as a result of that spill have had a tremendous effect on the people, land, and natural resources of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** certain proposed agreements relating to the T/V Exxon Valdez oil spill have been entered into by or between the United States, the State of Alaska, and Exxon Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries; and

**WHEREAS** these agreements would provide for the settlement of various civil claims and criminal charges brought by the United States and the State of Alaska against Exxon Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature is presently reviewing these agreements in order to determine, among other things, whether the agreements are constitutional and in the best interest of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** the review being conducted by the Alaska State Legislature is not expected

to be completed until May 3, 1991; and

**WHEREAS** one of the agreements under review by the Alaska State Legislature is the plea agreement entered into by the parties in United States of America v. Exxon Corporation and Exxon Shipping Company, No. A90-015 CR; and

**WHEREAS** a hearing on that plea agreement is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 1991, before the United States District Court for the District of Alaska; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature is concerned that approval of the plea agreement by the United States District Court prior to the time the Legislature completes its review of all the settlement agreements will not be in the best interest of Alaska;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the parties to the plea agreement in United States of America v. Exxon Corporation and Exxon Shipping Company to request the United States District Court to take no final action on the plea agreement prior to May 3, 1991; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that if the parties refuse to accede to this request, the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the United States District Court for the District of Alaska to take judicial notice of this official act of the Alaska State Legislature and on its own motion delay final approval of the plea agreement in United States of America v. Exxon Corporation and Exxon Shipping Company until May 3, 1991.

**COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to Joseph G. Block, Chief, Environmental Crimes Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice; Charles A. De Monaco, Assistant Chief, Environmental Crimes Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice; Eric W. Nagle, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice; Mark R. Davis, Special Assistant United States Attorney; Mark B. Harmon, Trial Attorney, United States Department of Justice; James F. Neal, Counsel for Exxon Shipping; E. Edward Bruce, Counsel for Exxon Shipping; Robert C. Bundy, Counsel for Exxon Shipping; Edward J. Lynch, Counsel for Exxon Corporation; John F. Clough III, Counsel for Exxon Corporation; and to the Honorable H. Russel Holland, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the District of Alaska.