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Encouraging the development of a working relationship between Alaska and New Zealand.

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

WHEREAS Alaska is interested in finding markets on the Pacific Rim for mutual trade and tourism; and

WHEREAS New Zealand has many similarities to Alaska, including

- (1) a common language, similar ideas, and can-do attitudes;
- (2) a pioneer spirit and strong native cultures;
- (3) small populations and underutilized geographical areas;
- (4) abundant renewable resources; and
- (5) a multitude of cultural activities; and

WHEREAS the opposition of seasons in New Zealand and Alaska enables tourists to enjoy both summer and winter activities in a single season; and

WHEREAS direct airline travel between New Zealand and Alaska would increase the tourist activity and exports between the two areas; and

WHEREAS the 30-year history of cooperation between Alaska and New Zealand scientists in polar research at the North and South Poles has laid a firm foundation for future scientific and technical cooperation; and

WHEREAS New Zealand and Alaska have enjoyed people-to-people student exchanges in the past; and

WHEREAS the opportunities for cooperation between Alaska and New Zealand include

(1) exchanging new technologies for conserving and utilizing renewable resources;

(2) establishing sister cities, cultural exchanges, and university exchanges;

(3) encouraging private sector business-to-business contacts through direct government-to-government contact;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the Governor to invite Ambassador Wallace Rowling of New Zealand to visit Alaska to help develop a working relationship between the state and New Zealand.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable David Lange, Prime Minister of New Zealand; the Honorable Michael Moore, Minister of Overseas Trade and Marketing for New Zealand; the Honorable David Caygill, Minister of Trade and Industry for New Zealand; the Honorable Wallace Rowling, Ambassador of New Zealand to the United States; 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.