

*ALASKA-YUKON INTERGOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS ACCORD*

BETWEEN

*THE GOVERNMENT OF YUKON
AS REPRESENTED BY
THE PREMIER*

AND

*THE STATE OF ALASKA
AS REPRESENTED BY
THE GOVERNOR*

WHEREAS the citizens of Yukon and Alaska share an extensive common border and indigenous tribal and kinship ties; and

WHEREAS citizens of Yukon and Alaska also share many common interests including economic development, arctic infrastructure, job and workforce training, transportation, energy, education, and cross-border access and portability of citizens for work and recreation; and

WHEREAS the citizens of Yukon and Alaska have a long-standing relationship of friendship and trust; and

WHEREAS the Government of Yukon and the State of Alaska have existing valuable cooperative agreements in place for areas such as tourism marketing and wildfire management and response; and

WHEREAS the citizens of Yukon and the citizens of Alaska stand to mutually benefit from increased cooperation and communication across the spectrum of common interests; and

WHEREAS there are opportunities to be explored to enhance the relationship between the two governments, to resolve issues, and to develop opportunities for their respective regions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governments of Yukon and Alaska pledge to continue to work together on matters of joint concern and mutual interest, to share information and promote understanding of issues and opportunities, and to identify additional areas in which there can be joint formal and informal cooperation.

The Premier and the Governor agree to meet as necessary to review issues of mutual interest, foster joint economic opportunities, and monitor progress towards enhanced joint cooperative efforts.

The Premier and the Governor will appoint officials to serve as principal points of liaison for policy purposes and the expeditious sharing of information about mutual interests and joint concerns. Appointed officials shall expeditiously form working groups designed to address specific issues and commence efforts to develop solutions.

Officials appointed by the Premier and the Governor may negotiate jointly and, with the permission of their respective Premier or Governor, execute cooperative agreements to the Alaska-Yukon Intergovernmental Relations Accord. Such agreements shall be incorporated as appendices to this Accord.

This Accord shall be in effect from its date of signature until March, 2014, and may be reviewed and amended by the mutual consent of both governments.

This Accord does not create a right or cause of action enforceable by third parties. It is a definite expression and record of the purpose and intention of the Parties, to which each honorably pledge themselves.

This Accord is signed on this 4th day of June, 2012.



The Honorable Darrell Pasloski
Premier
Government of Yukon



The Honorable Sean Parnell
Governor
State of Alaska