

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Urging the Alaska Historical Commission to prepare recommendations for the naming**
2 **of a geographical feature in the state as a permanent legacy in recognition of President**
3 **Ronald Reagan's service to the United States of America.**

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

5 **WHEREAS** Ronald Wilson Reagan served the United States of America with honor
6 and distinction as the 40th President of the United States from 1981 to 1989; and

7 **WHEREAS** President Reagan led a bipartisan effort to enact a bold agenda that
8 brought common sense to the government and led to unprecedented economic growth and
9 opportunity for millions of Americans; and

10 **WHEREAS** President Reagan's leadership and foreign policy initiatives led to the end
11 of the Cold War, the rise of democracy in the Soviet Union, the collapse of the Berlin Wall,
12 and an expansion of democracy around the world that guaranteed basic human rights for
13 millions of people in the Middle East, Europe, the Caribbean, and Central America; and

14 **WHEREAS** President Reagan signed the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty
15 between the United States and the Soviet Union, which reduced the number of nuclear

1 warheads primed for launch by the world's two superpowers and established the framework
2 for the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty; and

3 **WHEREAS** President Reagan advanced equality for women by appointing Sandra
4 Day O'Connor as the first woman Justice of the United States Supreme Court; and

5 **WHEREAS**, throughout his presidency, Ronald Reagan advocated limiting federal
6 government control over the land and natural resources of Alaska; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1983, President Reagan signed into law the Alaska Railroad Transfer
8 Act, transferring ownership of the Alaska Railroad to the state; and

9 **WHEREAS** President Reagan signed legislation authorizing reparations to be paid to
10 Aleuts who were displaced from their homes and sent to internment camps, known as
11 "duration villages," during World War II; and

12 **WHEREAS** President Reagan supported the Village Built Clinic Leasing Program,
13 which funded Indian Health Service clinics in Native villages throughout the state, bringing
14 basic health care to many Alaskans;

15 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature urges the Alaska Historical
16 Commission to prepare recommendations for the naming of a geographical feature in the state
17 as a permanent legacy in recognition of President Ronald Reagan's service to the United
18 States of America; and be it

19 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature honors the memory of
20 President Ronald Reagan and recognizes his accomplishments in service to Alaska, the
21 nation, and the world.