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Recognizing the strategic importance of the Arctic region and supporting continued congressional engagement with Arctic allies and partners.

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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mrs. BRITT) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the strategic importance of the Arctic region and supporting continued congressional engagement with Arctic allies and partners.

Whereas the United States is an Arctic nation by virtue of Alaska;

Whereas the United States maintains a number of key interests in the Arctic region, from homeland defense and national security matters to economic, environmental, and scientific affairs;

Whereas the Arctic region is governed through a framework of international law, norms, and institutions, including the Arctic Council, which promote peaceful cooperation,

sustainable development, environmental responsibility, and respect for Indigenous peoples;

Whereas the accession of new Arctic allies the Kingdom of Sweden and Finland to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) reinforces the region's strategic importance to the United States and its allies;

Whereas cooperation among Arctic nations and partners has historically contributed to stability, transparency, and confidence-building in the region;

Whereas Indigenous peoples are vital to Arctic governance and decision-making and possess traditional knowledge essential to sustaining the region's future;

Whereas the Arctic faces significant opportunities and challenges related to critical infrastructure, telecommunications, maritime shipping, scientific research, energy systems, and regional connectivity, requiring sustained investment and collaboration with allies and partners;

Whereas increasing strategic competition with the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation in the Arctic region underscores the importance of maintaining a stable, secure, and rules-based order to help maintain peace and stability throughout the region;

Whereas the coordination of the United States Armed Forces and Federal agencies with allied partners in the High North reinforces United States homeland defense;

Whereas, on May 22, 2026, at the NATO Foreign Ministerial in Sweden, the Arctic allies, consisting of Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, the Kingdom of Norway, the Kingdom of Sweden, and the United States, issued a joint statement in support of increased coopera-

tion “to achieve our common goal of a safe, prosperous and peaceful Arctic”; and

Whereas Congress plays a critical role in shaping Arctic policy and engaging with international partners to advance shared priorities in the region: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) reaffirms the strategic importance of the
3 Arctic region to the national security and economic
4 interests of the United States and its allies and
5 partners;

6 (2) recognizes the need for continued coopera-
7 tion with Arctic allies and partners to promote
8 peace, stability, and sustainable development in the
9 region;

10 (3) supports efforts to strengthen Arctic secu-
11 rity, infrastructure, maritime capabilities, scientific
12 research, domain awareness, telecommunications re-
13 silience, and regional preparedness;

14 (4) underscores the importance of working
15 alongside allies and partners in multilateral fora, in-
16 cluding the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, to
17 defend United States national security interests and
18 uphold our shared values;

19 (5) affirms the importance of meaningful en-
20 gagement with Indigenous peoples in Arctic govern-
21 ance and policy development; and

- 1 (6) encourages continued congressional engage-
- 2 ment with Arctic allies and partners on shared Arc-
- 3 tic priorities, including through intergovernmental
- 4 exchanges, delegations, and cooperative initiatives.

