



Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

Resolution of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) on the Vital Importance of the U.S. - Canada Relationship

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) serves to strengthen the integrated economies of Alaska, Alberta, British Columbia, Idaho, Montana, Northwest Territories, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Washington and Yukon; and

WHEREAS, PNWER unites government, businesses, Indigenous leaders, nonprofits, academics and community stakeholders across borders, enabling a nonpartisan, collaborative approach to addressing common challenges and advancing solutions that bring region-wide benefits; and

WHEREAS, the integrated economies of the PNWER region, spanning both sides of the border, rely heavily on the efficient and seamless flow of goods, services, and people between the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. and Canada have built a prosperous and exemplary relationship over 150 years that is the envy of the world; and

WHEREAS, the bilateral relationship is built on shared values, mutual respect, and the recognition of each nation's sovereignty, and a commitment to addressing common challenges, including trade, security, environmental stewardship, and infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. and Canada share the world's largest and most comprehensive trading relationship, with nearly \$2.7 billion USD worth of goods and services crossing the border each day. These products support some of the industries relied most upon, such as food, energy, manufacturing and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the successful history of trust, mutual respect and cooperation between the U.S. and Canada must be reaffirmed by working across borders and engaging in good faith with one another; and

WHEREAS, PNWER exemplifies the power of cross-border cooperation in bridging states, provinces, territories, industries and sectors in common cause towards mutual prosperity; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT PNWER:

1. Reaffirms its commitment to consistent bi-national cooperation guided by open dialogue, shared priorities and a spirit of unity.
2. Recognizes the significant economic, social, and cultural benefits derived from the strong ties between the United States and Canada, particularly within the PNWER region.
3. Commits to actively supporting and promoting initiatives that enhance cross-border collaboration and address shared challenges.

4. Urges the governments of the United States and Canada to continue to prioritize and strengthen their bilateral relationship through open dialogue, constructive engagement, and mutually beneficial agreements.
5. Recognizes and respects the sovereignty of both the United States and Canada.
6. Encourages the continued facilitation of efficient and secure cross-border trade and travel, recognizing its vital role in the economic well-being of the PNWER region.
7. Calls for enhanced cooperation on critical issues, including trade, critical minerals, natural resource management, infrastructure development, emergency preparedness, and the promotion of sustainable tourism.
8. Highlights the importance of upholding the principles of the United States-Canada-Mexico Agreement (USMCA) to foster fair and equitable trade practices and strengthen economic ties within the PNWER region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Prime Minister of Canada, the President of the United States, Members of Congress from PNWER States, Members of Parliament from PNWER Provinces and Territories, the respective Governors and Premiers of the PNWER member jurisdictions, and other relevant stakeholders.

Adopted this 28th day of March, 2025.

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