

## Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 97

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 42—Relative to implementing the Agreement on Mutual Cooperation.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 42, Kopp. Implementation of the Agreement on Mutual Cooperation.

This measure would state the request of the Senate and Assembly of the State of California that the "Agreement on Mutual Cooperation" (officially known as the "Agreement of Friendship and Partnership between the State of California, USA, and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, USSR") be put into full effect without further delay after first amending it, as specified.

WHEREAS, In April 1991 an "Agreement on Mutual Cooperation" (officially known as the "Agreement of Friendship and Partnership between the State of California, USA, and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, USSR") was signed between the Russian Federation (at that time a constituent republic of the former Soviet Union) and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Six years after the signing of the "Agreement on Mutual Cooperation" it has still not been put into effect by the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Due to the changes in the former USSR, the Russian Federation is now an independent state with its own 89 constituent regions and republics; and

WHEREAS, By signing the "Agreement on Mutual Cooperation" in 1991, the State of California and the Russian Federation recognized the importance of cooperation between the diverse people of the two countries and desire to improve mutual economic, commercial, scientific, technological, and cultural cooperation, and other areas of mutual interest; and

WHEREAS, The "Agreement on Mutual Cooperation" commits the State of California and the Russian Federation to encourage agreements for the sale of goods and services, cooperation in industrial and agricultural production, the creation of joint ventures, the establishment of scientific, technological, and education exchanges, tours of artistic groups and performers, art exhibitions, and cooperation in the area of tourism; and

WHEREAS, By signing the "Agreement on Mutual Cooperation" the State of California and the Russian Federation agreed to pay

special attention to developing cooperation and exchanges in the area of environmental protection (land, water, and air), food and product safety, recycling of waste, energy conservation, safe energy development, and other areas of mutual interest; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Senate and Assembly of the State of California request that the “Agreement on Mutual Cooperation” (officially known as the “Agreement of Friendship and Partnership between the State of California, USA, and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, USSR”) be put into full effect without further delay after first amending it in accordance with the changes in the status of the Russian Federation by reorienting it to foster both friendship and cooperation between California and one of the regions of the Russian Federation, such as the Khabarovsk Territory (located in the Russian Far East), or one of the regional associations of the Russian Federation; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Washington, D.C., and the Consulate General of the Russian Federation in San Francisco, California.

