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RESOLUTION # CA-2021-02

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FREE AND OPEN PROCUREMENT POLICIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

Whereas, no two nations depend more on each other for their mutual prosperity and security than the United States and Canada, which are bound together by shared geography, history, values, integrated economies, and a resolve to improve the quality of life for all Canadians and Americans; and,

Whereas, Canada and the United States share the largest trading relationship in the world, protect and defend North America together, act as stewards of a shared environment, and stand together on the world stage to respond to pressing global challenges; and,

Whereas, throughout the COVID-19 crisis, the United States and Canada have continued to benefit from their longstanding foreign policy and security cooperation, the United States Mexico Canada Agreement, resilient supply chains, a shared commitment to fighting climate change, and the North American integrated energy market; and,

Whereas, the strength of the bond between Canada and the United States was exemplified by the adoption of the Roadmap for a Renewed U.S.-Canada Partnership launched in February 2021 to revitalize and expand this historic relationship and realize its full potential; and,

Whereas, this roadmap is the cornerstone of U.S.-Canada relations and prioritizes combatting COVID-19, building back better together, bolstering security and defense, building global alliances, and revitalizing the North American Leaders' Summit; and,

Whereas, cooperation between Canada and the United States during the COVID-19 crisis has revealed the advantages each country has in working with its neighbor to move toward a strong economic and public health recovery; and,

Whereas, Canada and the United States not only sell goods to each other, they make things together: trade between the two countries is primarily in intermediate goods that go into final "North American" products to be bought from each other or sold to the world; and,

Whereas, the United States and Canada are each other's most trusted suppliers for effective, safe, and reliable inputs and manufactured products with a trading relationship built upon longstanding binational supply chains and integrated networks of businesses and workers across both countries; and,

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Whereas, Canada buys more goods from the United States than any other country by a wide margin, and the United States sells more goods to Canada than the United Kingdom, Japan, and China combined; and,

Whereas, Canada and the United States' mutual security and prosperity rely upon these predictable and secure trading relationships; now,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that CSG East supports free and open procurement policies between the United States and Canada, that the United States work with Canada to keep respective government procurement markets open to each other, and that both countries avoid measures that could constrain a sustainable economic recovery.