



Pacific NorthWest Economic Region

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Alaska Representative DeLena Johnson Elected to Serve as U.S. Vice President of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region's (PNWER) Delegate Council elected Alaska Representative DeLena Johnson, state representative for District 25, to serve in the role of PNWER U.S. Vice President at this year's PNWER Annual Summit in Boise, Idaho on July 16.

Representative Johnson is in her fourth term in the Alaska State House. During the 30th Alaska State Legislature, she sat on the House Resources, State Affairs, and Energy Committees, as well as the Resources, Administration, Environmental Conservation, and University finance subcommittees. She was elected House Minority Whip during the 31st Legislature and was a member of the Education, Legislative Ethics, Legislative Council, and Rules Committees and the Public Safety, Education, and Corrections finance subcommittees. In the 32nd Legislature, she served on the Finance Committee, Legislative Ethics Committee and the Judiciary, University, and Commerce and Economic Development finance subcommittees. Currently serving in the 33rd Legislature, she is the lead on the the state's operating budget as Co-chair of the Finance Committee, as well as a member of the Legislative Budget and Audit and Legislative Ethics Committees.

Speaking on PNWER and her role as vice president, Representative Johnson said "PNWER has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to increasing economic opportunity and quality of life in the states, provinces, and territories in the Pacific Northwest, and I am honored to serve as its U.S. vice president. As neighbors, we share common goals, problems, and solutions; likewise, we share our failures and successes.

I look forward to advocating for the needs of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, while increasing collaboration with our Canadian partners. My areas of focus and future goals are still being developed but recognize the need to guarantee transportation and shipping corridors, reduce trade barriers for mining and resource development, and work closely with Canada to highlight the critical role of the arctic in our respective national defense.

As the world changes, so do the challenges facing our region. By working together, we will meet those challenges head on."

ABOUT PNWER

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) is a public/private non-profit organization created by statute in 1991. Member jurisdictions include Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington, and the Canadian provinces and territories of Alberta, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan, and the Yukon. PNWER's mission is to increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens of the region; identify and promote "models of success" and serve as a conduit to exchange information. For more information on PNWER, visit www.pnwer.org.

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