

**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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53-36 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to supporting the Republic of China (Taiwan)'s participation as Observer at the World Health Organization's 74th World Health Assembly.	3/30/21 11:53 a.m.		4/30/21	3/30/2021 2:30 p.m.	Author	4/6/21 9:00 a.m.	4/15/21 11:09 a.m.	As amended by the Author

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As amended by the Author; and further
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Relative to supporting the Republic of China (Taiwan) in its efforts to participate as an observer at the World Health Organization's Seventy-fourth (74th) World Health Assembly.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN***

2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, one hundred ten (110) years ago on October 10, 1911, the Republic
4 of China (Taiwan) was founded. The United States of America and the Republic of
5 China (Taiwan) have been friends and allies for many years, and throughout this time

1 the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United States of America and
2 the Republic of China (Taiwan) have developed into a strong partnership; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the Republic
4 of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and growth of the economy
5 of this great country; and, in furthering its commitment to freedom and democracy,
6 Republic of China (Taiwan) continues to seek representation in international
7 organizations; and

8 **WHEREAS**, since April 2008, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* has adopted Legislative
9 Resolutions commending the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to promote
10 world health and has endorsed Taiwan’s observer status in the World Health Assembly
11 (WHA) of the World Health Organization (WHO); and, since 1973, the people of Guam
12 have maintained a special sister-city relationship with the people of Taipei City and
13 believe that good health is important to every citizen of the world and believe that access
14 to the highest standard of health information and services is necessary to improve the
15 public health; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization Constitution states
17 that “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental
18 rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief,
19 economic or social condition.” Taiwan’s twenty-three million five hundred thousand
20 (23,500,000) people wish to attend the WHA as an observer. Because health and disease
21 have no borders, Taiwan should be afforded observership in the WHO in order to benefit
22 from information regarding the prevention, monitoring, and cure of epidemic diseases,
23 the prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of global health
24 policies; and

25 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s achievement in the field of health is substantial: it has
26 one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; its maternal and infant mortality rates

1 are comparable to those of western countries; it has successfully the eradicated such
2 infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague; and it was the first nation to
3 eradicate polio and provide children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

4 **WHEREAS**, direct and unobstructed participation in international health
5 cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially with
6 today’s greater potential for cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as
7 the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis, malaria, and COVID-19; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic that has ravaged the world, with more
9 than one hundred million (100,000,000) confirmed cases and nearly three million
10 (3,000,000) deaths, highlights the need for complete cooperation of all members of the
11 international community in matters of health. Because we live in a world that is
12 intricately linked and dependent on travel and commerce, any loophole in the prevention
13 and treatment network presents a danger for the entire global community; and

14 **WHEREAS**, On January 5, 2020, the WHO published its first Disease Outbreak
15 News on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the public health response to the cases in
16 Wuhan, China (People’s Republic of China). Prior to the WHO’s January 5th
17 publication, the Republic of China (Taiwan) initiated a series of one hundred twenty-
18 four (124) actions to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak from December 31st to
19 February 21st. Due to its decisive response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan
20 currently has one thousand fifty (1,050) confirmed COVID-19 cases and ten (10) deaths
21 out of a population of twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000). On
22 March 19, 2020, President Tsai Ing-wen announced on Twitter that the Republic of
23 China (Taiwan) is “willing to contribute [its] capabilities to better protect human health
24 around the world”; and, on April 1, 2020, Taiwan pledged to donate ten million
25 (10,000,000) face masks to the United States and eleven (11) other countries, as well as
26 its diplomatic allies. Taiwan fulfilled this pledge, donating well over fifty-one million

1 (51,000,000) face masks to more than eighty (80) countries by the end of June 2020.
2 These strategies employed by Taiwan to combat COVID-19, known as the *Taiwan*
3 *Model*, have become an invaluable resource and tool other countries can use to contain
4 COVID-19; and, the *Taiwan Model* was recognized internationally, leading to President
5 Tsai Ing-wen being recognized as Bloomberg News’ “50 Most Influential People in the
6 World”; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the *Taiwan Model* continued to be shared with medical
8 professionals around the world during the pandemic. Taiwan led more than one hundred
9 forty (140) online professional meetings with government officials and participated in
10 think-tanks in over sixty (60) countries. In May 2020, delegates from Guam, which
11 included the medical community and government officials, participated in a seminar
12 hosted by the Taiwan Adventist Hospital in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign
13 Affairs in Taiwan. The seminar highlighted steps that can be taken to curb the spread
14 of COVID-19, many of which were incorporated in Guam’s actions to fight the
15 pandemic. In August 2020, the successes of Taiwan led the United States Health and
16 Human Services Secretary Alex Azar to visit Taiwan to learn from Taiwan’s response
17 to COVID-19. The many actions led by Taiwan to increase global cooperation is just
18 one of several instances in which Taiwan has expressed its willingness to provide the
19 WHO with financial and technical assistance; and

20 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to participate in
21 activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974,
22 and the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the early 1950s. The United States, in the
23 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan’s participation in
24 appropriate international organizations. U.S. Public Law 106-137 required the U.S.
25 Secretary of State to submit a report to the U.S. Congress on efforts by the executive

1 branch to support Taiwan’s participation in international organizations, in particular the
2 WHO; and

3 **WHEREAS**, during the World Health Assembly sessions in May and November
4 of 2020, Taiwan’s inclusion at the World Health Assembly was supported by leaders of
5 the United States, Japan, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, the United Kingdom,
6 Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Sweden, as well as more than one thousand
7 seven hundred (1,700) parliamentarians of more than eighty (80) countries; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in line with the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, the Asia
9 Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, the Taiwan Travel Act of 2018, the recently enacted
10 Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of
11 2019, in addition to the recently introduced H.R. 1145, Reassurance on Commitment
12 Act of 2021 and Taiwan Symbols of Sovereignty Act, Guam intends to continue to
13 maintain relationships with one of Guam’s closest democratic partners in the Pacific
14 region; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has demonstrated incredible
16 assistance to Guam’s health system over the years, especially during the pandemic,
17 securing two hundred thousand (200,000) face masks, nine hundred (900) Pandemic
18 Readiness Kits, and four (4) full-body temperature scanners with the assistance of the
19 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO). Furthermore, in January of
20 2021, with the help of TECO in Guam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, flights were
21 chartered with China Airlines in a joint humanitarian and medical mission for about
22 fifty (50) passengers on each flight. This endeavor was especially beneficial to Guam
23 residents seeking medical treatment off-island but have been unable to do so because of
24 the COVID-19 health crisis and the canceled direct flights; and

25 **WHEREAS**, prior to the pandemic, patients in Guam had received life-changing
26 specialized care from hospitals in Taiwan, with the China Medical University Hospital

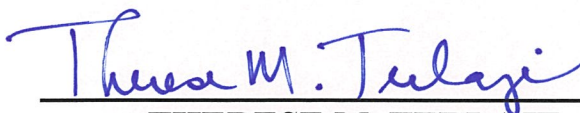
1 in Taichung and Yuan’s General Hospital in Kaohsiung being just a few of the several
2 hospitals that care for Guam patients. Additionally, the Guam Memorial Hospital
3 (GMH) maintains a referral hospital relationship with the Taiwan Adventist Hospital in
4 Taipei with a memorandum of understanding signed in January 2020; and, the Taiwan
5 Adventist Hospital continues to support GMH by donating to it personal protective
6 equipment, including face masks and face shields, in April 2021. Moreover, Taiwan
7 sends many physicians to teach the physicians on Guam, reaching out to the medical
8 community to offer its support; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in light of all the benefits that the Republic of China’s (Taiwan)
10 participation in the WHO can bring to the state of health not only in Taiwan, but also
11 regionally and globally, the Republic of China (Taiwan) and its twenty-three million
12 five hundred thousand (23,500,000) people should have appropriate and meaningful
13 participation in the WHO. During the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing
14 on the Biden Administration’s Foreign Policy Priorities in March 2021, U.S. Secretary
15 of State Antony Blinken testified on his commitment to working to include the Republic
16 of China (Taiwan) at international conferences due to its immense contributions and
17 invaluable technical expertise during the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, President
18 Biden restated the United States’ support of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in the
19 interim National Security Strategic Guidance issued by the White House in March 2021;
20 now therefore, be it

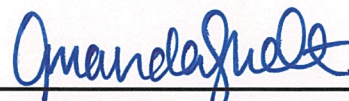
21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
22 behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, express its full support for
23 the Republic of China (Taiwan) to become an observer at the Seventy-fourth
24 (74th) World Health Assembly to be held by the World Health Organization; and be it
25 further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
2 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
3 Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization; to the
4 Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States of America; to the Honorable
5 Antony Blinken, Secretary of State, United States of America; to the Honorable Xavier
6 Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States of America; to Her
7 Excellency Tsai Ing-wen, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); to His Excellency
8 Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China
9 (Taiwan); to the Honorable Chen Shih-Chung, Minister, Ministry of Health and
10 Welfare, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Paul Chen, Director General,
11 Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Guam; to the Honorable António Guterres,
12 Secretary General of the United Nations; to the United States Congressional Taiwan
13 Caucus; to the Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam Delegate to the United
14 States Congress; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan*
15 *Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL 2021.



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Speaker



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Legislative Secretary