

# I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

## 2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

### VOTING RECORD

Resolution No. 53-36 (COR) <small>As amended by the Author; and further amended on the Floor.</small>	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building April 30, 2021					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator V. Anthony Ada	√					
Senator Frank Blas Jr.	√					
Senator Joanne Brown	√					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	√					
Senator James C. Moylan	√					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes	√					
Senator Telen Cruz Nelson	√					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	√					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell	√					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	√					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	√					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	√					
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje	√					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	√					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres	√					

**TOTAL**

**15**

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Aye

Nay


Not  
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RENNAE V. C. MENO  
Clerk of the Legislature

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Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Frank Blas, Jr.

**Relative to supporting the Republic of China (Taiwan) in its efforts to participate as an observer at the World Health Organization's Seventy-fourth (74<sup>th</sup>) 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  
6 the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United States of America and  
7 the Republic of China (Taiwan) have developed into a strong partnership; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the Republic  
9 of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and growth of the economy  
10 of this great country; and, in furthering its commitment to freedom and democracy,  
11 Republic of China (Taiwan) continues to seek representation in international  
12 organizations; and

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

9           **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization Constitution states  
10 that “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental  
11 rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion, political belief,  
12 economic or social condition.” Taiwan’s twenty-three million five hundred thousand  
13 (23,500,000) people wish to attend the WHA as an observer. Because health and disease  
14 have no borders, Taiwan should be afforded observership in the WHO in order to benefit  
15 from information regarding the prevention, monitoring, and cure of epidemic diseases,  
16 the prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of global health  
17 policies; and

18           **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s achievement in the field of health is substantial: it has  
19 one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; its maternal and infant mortality rates  
20 are comparable to those of western countries; it has successfully the eradicated such  
21 infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague; and it was the first nation to  
22 eradicate polio and provide children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

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

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

7           **WHEREAS**, On January 5, 2020, the WHO published its first Disease Outbreak  
8 News on Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the public health response to the cases in  
9 Wuhan, China (People’s Republic of China). Prior to the WHO’s January 5<sup>th</sup>  
10 publication, the Republic of China (Taiwan) initiated a series of one hundred twenty-  
11 four (124) actions to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak from December 31<sup>st</sup> to  
12 February 21<sup>st</sup>. Due to its decisive response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Taiwan  
13 currently has one thousand fifty (1,050) confirmed COVID-19 cases and ten (10) deaths  
14 out of a population of twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000). On  
15 March 19, 2020, President Tsai Ing-wen announced on Twitter that the Republic of  
16 China (Taiwan) is “willing to contribute [its] capabilities to better protect human health  
17 around the world”; and, on April 1, 2020, Taiwan pledged to donate ten million  
18 (10,000,000) face masks to the United States and eleven (11) other countries, as well as  
19 its diplomatic allies. Taiwan fulfilled this pledge, donating well over fifty-one million  
20 (51,000,000) face masks to more than eighty (80) countries by the end of June 2020.  
21 These strategies employed by Taiwan to combat COVID-19, known as the *Taiwan*  
22 *Model*, have become an invaluable resource and tool other countries can use to contain  
23 COVID-19; and, the *Taiwan Model* was recognized internationally, leading to President  
24 Tsai Ing-wen being recognized as Bloomberg News’ “50 Most Influential People in the  
25 World”; and

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

14           **WHEREAS**, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to participate in  
15 activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974,  
16 and the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the early 1950s. The United States, in the  
17 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan’s participation in  
18 appropriate international organizations. U.S. Public Law 106-137 required the U.S.  
19 Secretary of State to submit a report to the U.S. Congress on efforts by the executive  
20 branch to support Taiwan’s participation in international organizations, in particular the  
21 WHO; and

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

1           **WHEREAS**, in line with the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, the Asia  
2 Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, the Taiwan Travel Act of 2018, the recently enacted  
3 Taiwan Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of  
4 2019, in addition to the recently introduced H.R. 1145, Reassurance on Commitment  
5 Act of 2021 and Taiwan Symbols of Sovereignty Act, Guam intends to continue to  
6 maintain relationships with one of Guam’s closest democratic partners in the Pacific  
7 region; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has demonstrated incredible  
9 assistance to Guam’s health system over the years, especially during the pandemic,  
10 securing two hundred thousand (200,000) face masks, nine hundred (900) Pandemic  
11 Readiness Kits, and four (4) full-body temperature scanners with the assistance of the  
12 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO). Furthermore, in January of  
13 2021, with the help of TECO in Guam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, flights were  
14 chartered with China Airlines in a joint humanitarian and medical mission for about  
15 fifty (50) passengers on each flight. This endeavor was especially beneficial to Guam  
16 residents seeking medical treatment off-island but have been unable to do so because of  
17 the COVID-19 health crisis and the canceled direct flights; and

18           **WHEREAS**, prior to the pandemic, patients in Guam had received life-changing  
19 specialized care from hospitals in Taiwan, with the China Medical University Hospital  
20 in Taichung and Yuan’s General Hospital in Kaohsiung being just a few of the several  
21 hospitals that care for Guam patients. Additionally, the Guam Memorial Hospital  
22 (GMH) maintains a referral hospital relationship with the Taiwan Adventist Hospital in  
23 Taipei with a memorandum of understanding signed in January 2020; and, the Taiwan  
24 Adventist Hospital continues to support GMH by donating to it personal protective  
25 equipment, including face masks and face shields, in April 2021. Moreover, Taiwan

1 sends many physicians to teach the physicians on Guam, reaching out to the medical  
2 community to offer its support; and

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

15       **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
16 behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, express its full support for  
17 the Republic of China (Taiwan) to become an observer at the Seventy-fourth  
18 (74<sup>th</sup>) World Health Assembly to be held by the World Health Organization; and be it  
19 further

20       **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
21 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable  
22 Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization; to the  
23 Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States of America; to the Honorable  
24 Antony Blinken, Secretary of State, United States of America; to the Honorable Xavier  
25 Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States of America; to Her  
26 Excellency Tsai Ing-wen, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); to His Excellency

1 Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China  
2 (Taiwan); to the Honorable Chen Shih-Chung, Minister, Ministry of Health and  
3 Welfare, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Paul Chen, Director General,  
4 Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Guam; to the Honorable António Guterres,  
5 Secretary General of the United Nations; to the United States Congressional Taiwan  
6 Caucus; to the Honorable Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam Delegate to the United  
7 States Congress; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan*  
8 *Guåhan*.

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

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary