

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2022 (SECOND) Regular Session

VOTING RECORD

Resolution No. 300-36 (LS)	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building April 29, 2022					
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 "Pedro" Terlaje					✓	✓
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres	✓					

TOTAL

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Aye

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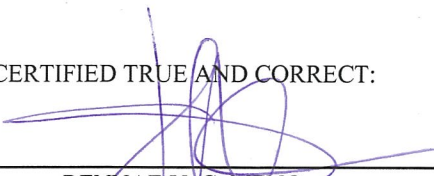
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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



 RENNAE V. C. MENO
 Clerk of the Legislature

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Relative to supporting the Republic of China (Taiwan) in its participation as observer at the World Health Organization’s 75th World Health Assembly, and to reaffirm support for the Republic of China (Taiwan) in its participation as observer in international organizations.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, one hundred eleven (111) years ago on October 10, 1911, the
4 Republic of China (Taiwan) was founded. The United States of America and the
5 Republic of China (Taiwan) have been friends and allies for many years; and throughout

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

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

9 **WHEREAS**, in line with the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, the Asia
10 Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, the Taiwan Travel Act of 2018, and the Taiwan
11 Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019,
12 Guam intends to continue to maintain relationships with one of our closest democratic
13 countries in the Pacific; and

14 **WHEREAS**, since April 2008, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* has adopted Legislative
15 Resolutions commending the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to promote
16 World Health and had endorsed Taiwan's observer status at the World Health Assembly
17 (WHA). The people of Guam have maintained a special Sister-City relationship with
18 the people of Taipei City since 1973, and believe that good health is important to every
19 citizen of the world and believe that access to the highest standard of health information
20 and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)
22 Constitution states that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is
23 one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion,
24 political belief, economic or social condition." Taiwan's twenty-three million five
25 hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to attend the WHA as an observer; and
26 have a population that is greater than three-fourths of member states already admitted

1 into the WHO. Because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best interest of
2 the human condition that Taiwan be afforded observership in the WHO in order to
3 benefit from information regarding the prevention, monitoring and cure of epidemic
4 diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of global health
5 policies; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan’s achievement in the field of health is substantial, including
7 one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; maternal and infant mortality rates
8 comparable to those of western countries; the eradication of such infectious diseases as
9 cholera, smallpox, and the plague; and being the first nation to eradicate polio and
10 provide children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

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

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

23 **WHEREAS**, during the G7 Foreign and Development Minister’s Meeting in
24 May 2021, the G7 countries, comprised of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the
25 United Kingdom, and the United States, supported the inclusion of Taiwan at the World
26 Health Assembly through a joint communique; and

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

11 **WHEREAS**, prior to the pandemic, patients on Guam received life-changing
12 specialized care from hospitals in Taiwan. The China Medical University Hospital in
13 Taichung and Yuan’s General Hospital in Kaohsiung are just a few of the several
14 hospitals that care for Guam patients. Additionally, the Guam Memorial Hospital
15 (GMH) maintains a referral hospital relationship with Taiwan Adventist Hospital in
16 Taipei with a memorandum of understanding signed in January 2020. Taiwan Adventist
17 Hospital continues to be supportive of GMH in donating personal protective equipment,
18 including face masks and face shields, to the GMH in April 2021. Moreover, Taiwan
19 sends physicians to teach the physicians on Guam and to offer support to our medical
20 community; and

21 **WHEREAS**, during the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing on the
22 Biden Administration’s Foreign Policy Priorities in March 2021, U.S. Secretary of State
23 Antony Blinken testified on his commitment to work on including Taiwan at
24 international conferences due to their immense contributions and invaluable technical
25 expertise during the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, President Biden restated the

1 United States’ support of Taiwan in the interim National Security Strategic Guidance
2 issued by the White House in March 2021; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam further intends to reaffirm and deepen its Sister-City
4 relationship with Taipei, Taoyuan, and Taichung by supporting the efforts to grant
5 Taiwan participation in international organizations, including the International Civil
6 Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
7 Change (UNFCCC), and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL);
8 now therefore, be it

9 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
10 behalf of the people of Guam, express its full support for the government and the people
11 of Taiwan, that they deserve the same level of public health as citizens of every nation
12 on earth, and that we support them in their efforts to achieve their objective to become
13 an observer at the World Health Assembly held by the World Health Organization
14 (WHO); and be it further

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
16 behalf of the people of Guam, support granting Taiwan observer status at
17 intergovernmental organizations, including the International Civil Aviation
18 Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
19 (UNFCCC), and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), which
20 will facilitate greater collaboration and foster peace and security of our global
21 community; and be it further

22 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
23 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
24 Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization; to the
25 Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States of America; to the Honorable
26 Antony Blinken, Secretary of State, United States of America; to the Honorable Xavier

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

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 29TH DAY OF APRIL 2022.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary