

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Resolution No. 30-37 (COR)	Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall Guam Congress Building March 30, 2023					
NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
Senator Chris Barnett		✓				
Senator Frank Blas, Jr.	✓					
Senator Joanne Brown	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator Thomas J. Fisher	✓					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes	✓					
Senator William A. Parkinson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas	✓					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓					

TOTAL

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**RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA
(TAIWAN)'S PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER AT THE
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S 76TH WORLD
HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)'S PARTICIPATION
AS OBSERVER IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.**

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

3 **WHEREAS**, One Hundred and Eleven 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. Throughout
6 this time the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United States of
7 America and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have developed into a strong partnership;
8 and

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

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

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

18 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)
19 Constitution states that “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is
20 one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion,
21 political belief, economic or social condition.” Taiwan’s twenty-three million five
22 hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to attend the WHA as an observer; and
23 have a population that is greater than three-fourths of member states already admitted
24 into the WHO. Because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best interest of
25 the human condition that Taiwan be afforded observership in the WHO in order to
26 benefit from information regarding the prevention, monitoring and cure of epidemic

1 diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of global health
2 policies; and

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

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

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

19 **WHEREAS**, During the G7 Foreign and Development Minister’s Meeting in
20 May 2021, the G7 countries comprising of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the
21 United Kingdom, and the United States, supported the inclusion of Taiwan at the World
22 Health Assembly through a joint communique; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan) continues to demonstrate
24 incredible assistance to Guam’s health system. On March 30, 2022, the JAG TeleCare
25 remote health monitoring platform was donated to the Guam Memorial Hospital
26 Authority to strengthen Guam’s telehealth services and expand our network of
27 healthcare coverage for the people of Guam; and

1 **WHEREAS**, additionally, knowing that the stray animal population in Guam
2 continues to be a serious situation to our community, a team from the Department of
3 Veterinary Medicine of Taiwan’s National Chung Hsing University volunteered their
4 time in August 2022 to a spay and neuter program. The program committed to spay or
5 neuter four hundred (400) animals. The team also lent their expertise, giving lectures at
6 the University of Guam pertaining to responsible pet care and ownership; and

7 **WHEREAS**, during the pandemic, 200,000 masks, 900 Pandemic Readiness
8 Kits, and four full-body temperature scanners were secured with the assistance of the
9 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO). Furthermore, in January of
10 2021, with the help of TECO in Guam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, flights were
11 chartered with China Airlines as a joint humanitarian and medical mission for about 50
12 passengers each flight. This endeavor was especially beneficial to Guam residents
13 seeking medical treatment off island but have been unable to do so because of the
14 COVID-19 health crisis and canceled direct flights; and

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

25 **WHEREAS**, During the House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing on the Biden
26 Administration Foreign Policy Priorities in March 2021, Secretary of State Antony
27 Blinken testified his commitment to work on including Taiwan at international

1 conferences due to their immense contributions and invaluable technical expertise
2 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, President Biden restated the United States
3 support of Taiwan in the interim National Security Strategic Guidance issued by the
4 White House on March 2021; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Guam further intends to reaffirm and deepen our Sister City
6 relationship with Taipei, Taoyuan, and Taichung by supporting efforts to grant Taiwan
7 participation at international organizations including the International Civil Aviation
8 Organization (ICAO), United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change
9 (UNFCCC), and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). Taiwan’s
10 participation will promote; now, therefore be it

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

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

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
24 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
25 Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization; to the
26 Honorable Joseph R. Biden President of the United States of America; to the Honorable
27 Anthony 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 Jui-Yuan Hsueh, Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare,
5 Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Paul Chen, Director General, Taiwan
6 Economic and Cultural Office in Guam; to the Honorable António Guterres, Secretary
7 General of the United Nations; to the United States Congressional Taiwan Caucus; to
8 the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and
9 to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF 2023.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary