I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2006 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Relative to commending the Republic of China (Taiwan) on its contributions to World Health and to supporting the Republic of China's (Taiwan's) entry into the World Health Organization.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I

- 2 MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUĂHAN:
- WHEREAS, the preamble of the World Health Organization ("WHO")
- 4 Constitution states that 'the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of
- 5 health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without
- 6 distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition'; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) and its twenty-three million
five hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to join the World Health
Organization (WHO) as an observer; and
WHEREAS, because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best
interest of the human condition that the Republic of China (Taiwan) be
afforded membership in the WHO in order to benefit from information

regarding the prevention, monitoring and cure of epidemic diseases,

prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of global health

policies; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China's (Taiwan's) achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries; the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague; and being the first nation to eradicate polio and provide children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has expressed a willingness to and possesses the ability to financially and technically assist international health activities supported by the WHO; and

WHEREAS, in light of all the benefits that Taiwan's participation in the WHO can bring to not only in Taiwan, but also to the region and the world Taiwan and its twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000)

1 people should have appropriate and meaningful participation in the WHO;

2 and

WHEREAS, the WHO Preamble further states that "the health of all peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security and is dependent upon the fullest cooperation of individuals and States", and therefore, direct participation in international health forums and programs is critical to limiting the spread of infectious diseases and achieving world health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) for its contributions to world health; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan* Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, express its support for observer status for the Republic of China (Taiwan) at the World Health Organization's assembly as well as Taiwan's full participation in the WHO technical meetings, the Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network, and the International Health regulations 2005 mechanism; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Lee Johg-Wook, Director General, World Health Organization; to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of

- 1 the United States of America; to the Honorable Condoleeza Rice, Secretary of
- 2 State, United States of America; to the Honorable Mike Leavitt, Secretary of
- 3 Health and Human Services, United States of America; to the Honorable Shui-
- 4 bian Chen, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Huang
- 5 Chih-fang, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan);
- 6 to the Honorable Sheng-Mou Hou, MD, Ph.D., MPH, Minister, Department of
- 7 Health, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable James C.Y. Chin,
- 8 Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam; and to the
- 9 Honorable Felix P. Camacho, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 2006.

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Chairman, Executive Committee

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