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Relative to supporting Taiwan's entry into the World Health Organization.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I**
2 **LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**
3 **WHEREAS**, over Nine decades ago on October 10, 1911, the Republic of
4 China was founded. The United States of America and the Republic of China have
5 been friends and allies for many years. Throughout this time the ties of friendship and
6 the commercial interests of the United States of America and the Republic of China
7 have developed into a stronger partnership; and
8 **WHEREAS**, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the
9 Republic of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and growth of
10 the economy of this great country. This year the Republic of China (Taiwan) will
11 observe the 96th Anniversary of the Founding on October 10, 2007. In furthering its
12 commitment to freedom and democracy Taiwan continues to seek representation in
13 international organizations and the people and the government of Guam support their

1 efforts and entry into the United Nations and the World Health Organization. Good
2 health is important to every citizen of the world and access to the highest standards of
3 health information and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)
5 Constitution states that 'the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is
6 one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race,
7 religion, political belief, economic or social condition. Taiwan and its twenty-three
8 million five hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to join the World Health
9 Organization (WHO) as a member. Because health and disease have no borders, it is
10 in the best interest of the human condition that Taiwan be afforded membership in the
11 WHO in order to benefit from information regarding the prevention, monitoring and
12 cure of epidemic diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and
13 discussions of global health policies; and

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

19 **WHEREAS**, direct and unobstructed participation in international health
20 cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially
21 with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases
22 such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis, and malaria. Taiwan's
23 population of 23,500,000 people is greater than that of three-fourths of the member
24 states already in the World Health Organization (WHO). Taiwan's achievements in the
25 field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life expectancy levels in
26 Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the
27 eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, and the plague, and the
28 first to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis B vaccinations; and

29 **WHEREAS**, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and
30 its Taiwan counterpart agencies have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of
31 public health issues. In recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist
32 financially and technically in international aid and health activities supported by the
33 WHO; and

34 **WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2001, an earthquake, registering between 7.6 and
35 7.9 on the Richter scale, struck El Salvador. In response, the Taiwanese Government
36 sent 2 rescue teams, consisting of 90 individuals specializing in firefighting, medicine,
37 and civil engineering. The Taiwanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs also donated
38 \$200,000 in relief aid to the Salvadoran Government; and

39 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to participate
40 in the activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization in