

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Executive Committee
Resolution No. 63(EC)

Introduced by:

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RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN) ON ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO PROMOTE WORLD HEALTH, AND SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S (TAIWAN'S) ENTRY INTO THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF I
2 MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

3 WHEREAS, the preamble of the World Health Organization ("WHO")
4 Constitution recognizes that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard
5 of health in one of the fundamental rights of every human being without
6 distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic or social condition"; and

7 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) and its twenty-three million
8 five hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to join the World Health
9 Organization as an observer; and

10 WHEREAS, because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best
11 interest of the advancing of human condition that the Republic of China
12 (Taiwan) be afforded membership in the WHO in order to benefit, like all
13 other members, from information in the prevention, monitoring and cure of
14 epidemic diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and
15 discussions of global health policies; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China's (Taiwan's) achievements in the
2 field of health are substantial, which includes having one of the highest life
3 expectancy levels in Asia; maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to
4 those of western countries; the eradication of such infectious diseases as
5 cholera, smallpox and the plague; and the first to eradicate polio and provide
6 children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

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

10 **WHEREAS**, in light of all the benefits that Taiwan's participation in the
11 WHO can bring to the state of health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally
12 and globally, Taiwan and its twenty-three million five hundred thousand
13 (23,500,000) people should have appropriate and meaningful participation in
14 the WHO; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the WHO Preamble further states that "the health of all
16 peoples is fundamental to the attainment of peace and security and is
17 dependent upon the fullest cooperation of individuals and States", and
18 therefore, direct, unobstructed participation in international health forums
19 and programs is critical to limit the spread of various infectious diseases and
20 achieve world health; now therefore be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Committee of *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na*
22 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam commend
23 the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in their contributions supporting

1 world health, and further supports observer status for the Republic of China
2 (Taiwan) at the World Health Organization's assembly; and be it further
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairman of the Executive
4 Committee certify, and the Secretary of the Legislature attest to, the adoption
5 hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
6 Lee, Johg-Wook, Director General, World Health Organization; to the
7 Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United States of America; to the
8 Honorable Condelezza Rive, Secretary of State, United States of America; to
9 the Honorable Mike Leavitt, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United
10 States of America; to the Honorable Shui-bian Chen, President, Republic of
11 China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Tan Sun Chen, Ph.D., Minister, Ministry of
12 Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Sheng-Mou
13 Hou, MD, Ph.D., MPH, Minister, Department of Health, Republic of China
14 (Taiwan); to the Honorable James C.Y. Chin, Director General, Taipei and to
15 the Honorable Felix P. Camacho *I Maga'Lahen Guåhan.*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 10th DAY OF MAY 2005.

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Speaker

EDWARD J. B. CALVO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature