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

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS, ninety-seven (97) years ago on October 10, 1911, the**
4 **Republic of China was founded. The United States of America and the**
5 **Republic of China have been friends and allies for many years. Throughout**
6 **this time the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United**

1 States of America and the Republic of China have developed into a stronger
2 partnership; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the
4 Republic of China (Taiwan), are clearly demonstrated in the progress and
5 growth of the economy of this great country. This year the Republic of China
6 (Taiwan) will observe the “Ninety-seventh (97th) Anniversary” of the
7 Founding on October 10, 2008. In furthering its commitment to freedom and
8 democracy, Taiwan continues to seek representation in international
9 organizations, and the people and the government of Guam support their
10 efforts and entry into the United Nations and the World Health Organization.
11 Good health is important to every citizen of the world and access to the
12 highest standards of health information and services is necessary to improve
13 the public health; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)
15 Constitution states that, “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of
16 health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being without
17 distinction of race, religion, political belief, economic *or* social condition”.
18 Taiwan, and its twenty-three million five hundred thousand (23,500,000)
19 people, wish to join the World Health Organization (WHO) as a member.
20 Because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best interest of the
21 human condition that Taiwan be afforded membership in the WHO in order
22 to benefit from information regarding the prevention, monitoring and cure of
23 epidemic diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and
24 discussions of global health policies; and

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

7 **WHEREAS**, direct and unobstructed participation in international
8 health cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the
9 world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of
10 various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),
11 tuberculosis, and malaria. Taiwan's population of twenty-three million five
12 hundred thousand (23,500,000) people is greater than that of three-fourths
13 (3/4) of the member states already in the World Health Organization (WHO);
14 and

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

20 **WHEREAS**, on January 14, 2001, an earthquake registering between 7.6
21 and 7.9, on the Richter scale, struck El Salvador. In response, the Taiwanese
22 Government sent two (2) rescue teams, consisting of ninety (90) individuals
23 specializing in firefighting, medicine, and civil engineering. The Taiwanese

1 Ministry of Foreign Affairs also donated Two Hundred Thousand Dollars
2 (\$200,000) in relief aid to the Salvadoran Government; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has provided emergency humanitarian aid
4 following South Asia's tsunami in 2004, Indonesia's earthquake in 2005, and
5 Peru's earthquake in 2007. Over the last decade, the value of medical
6 assistance and humanitarian aid provided by Taiwan's public and private
7 sectors has exceeded Four Hundred Fifty Million Dollars (\$450,000,000); and

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

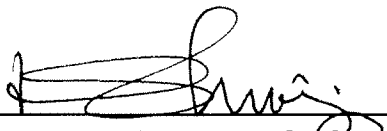
17 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does
18 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, in light of all benefits that Taiwan's
19 participation in the WHO can bring to the state of health *not* only in Taiwan,
20 but also regionally and globally, Taiwan and its twenty-three million five
21 hundred thousand (23,500,000) people should have appropriate and
22 meaningful participation in the WHO. As noted in his speech made in the
23 World Medical Association on May 14, 2002, Secretary of Health and Human
24 Services Tommy Thompson announced America's work for a healthy world

1 cuts across political lines. According to Secretary Thompson, the U.S.
2 government supports Taiwan's efforts to gain observership status at the
3 World Health Assembly; and be it further

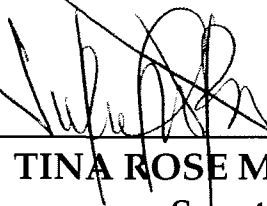
4 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Bente Nuebi na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of
5 the people of Guam, does hereby express its support for the people of Taiwan,
6 that they deserve the same level of public health as citizens of every nation on
7 earth, and for their efforts to achieve its objective to become a member of
8 WHO; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
10 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be
11 thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Margaret Chan, Director General,
12 World Health Organization; to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of
13 the United States of America; to the Honorable Condoleeza Rice, Secretary of
14 State, United States of America; to the Honorable Mike Leavitt, Secretary of
15 Health and Human Services, United States of America; to the Honorable Chen
16 Shui-bian, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Huang
17 Chih-fang, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan);
18 to the Honorable Sheng-Mou Hou, MD, Ph.D., MPH, Minister, Department of
19 Health, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable James C.Y. Chin,
20 Director General, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam; to the
21 Honorable Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations; to the
22 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's Delegate to the United States
23 Congress; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahren Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE NUEBI NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2008.



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