

A SENATE RESOLUTION

To call for Taiwan’s inclusion in the World Health Assembly (WHA), the International Police Criminal Organization (INTERPOL), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

1 **WHEREAS**, since 1911, Taiwan has evolved into a vital model of democracy,
2 prosperity, and innovation, demonstrating its commitment to the well-being of its people
3 and its capacity to contribute to the global community; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the enactments of the Taiwan Relations Act in 1979, the Asia
5 Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, the Taiwan Travel Act of 2018, and the Taiwan Allies
6 International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019; have fostered
7 significant and enduring cooperation between the United States and Taiwan, including the
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) in Political Union with the
9 United States, strengthening our bilateral relationship and recognizing Taiwan's strategic
10 importance in the Indo-Pacific region by facilitating continued cooperation on security,
11 economic development, health, and democratic governance; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has consistently demonstrated its commitment to the stability
13 and economic prosperity of the United States and its allies in the Indo-Pacific through
14 initiatives such as the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF); and

15 **WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), a U.S.
16 territory, shares deep and enduring historical and cultural ties with Taiwan, rooted in a
17 shared history of maritime connection that has profoundly influenced our languages,
18 cultures, and ways of life; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the sister city relationship established in 2007 between the
20 Municipality of Saipan and the city of Hualien further solidifies the bond between the
21 CNMI and Taiwan, fostering cooperation across various sectors to promote mutual
22 understanding and collaboration; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has been a responsible member of the international
2 community and plays a vital stabilizing role in the Indo-Pacific region and has
3 demonstrated leadership through its participation in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework
4 (IPEF), contributing to the prosperity and security of the United States and its allies; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan has been unjustly excluded from the World Health Assembly
6 (WHA) due to political pressure from the Peoples Republic of China (PRC), despite its
7 world-class public health system, significant contributions to global health particularly
8 evident during the COVID-19 pandemic; and the urgent need for inclusive global health
9 cooperation, as emphasized by leaders like President Lai Ching-te; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization's (WHO) Constitution affirms the
11 universal right to highest attainable standard of health as a fundamental right without
12 discrimination, and because national boundaries do not confine health challenges, Taiwan's
13 participation as an observer in the WHO is vital for the mutual benefit of the international
14 community through global efforts, shared expertise in epidemic control, disease
15 prevention, defense against biosecurity, and health policy discussions; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's inclusion in INTERPOL, ICAO, and UNFCCC would
17 contribute positively to global law enforcement and aviation safety efforts by ensuring a
18 timely and meaningful exchange of data and coordination; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the United States must support Taiwan's meaningful participation in
20 the World Health Assembly (WHA), the International Police Criminal Organization
21 (INTERPOL), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United
22 Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

23 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's inclusion in international organizations is crucial for
24 positively addressing global challenges in effectively upholding the highest standards to
25 global health, safety, security, and environmental sustainability and a strong commitment
26 to climate action and should be afforded participation in the United Nations Framework
27 Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to contribute its expertise and engage in
28 collective environmental efforts;

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth
2 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature hereby joins the people of the
3 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in urging Taiwan’s inclusion in the World
4 Health Assembly (WHA), the International Police Criminal Organization (INTERPOL),
5 the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Nations Framework
6 Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and

7 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Senate shall certify and
8 the Senate Legislative Secretary shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution, and
9 thereafter the Senate Clerk shall transmit certified copies to Ms. Mary Lou Valdez, the
10 PAHO/WHO Deputy Director; Mary Rodriguez, INTERPOL Vice President, representing
11 the United States; Juan Carlos Salazar, ICAO Secretary General; Simon Stiell, UNCC
12 Executive Secretary; Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Governor, Commonwealth of the
13 Northern Mariana Islands; the Honorable Kimberlyn King-Hinds, CNMI Delegate to the
14 House of Representatives, Washington, 119th United States Congress.

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Introduced by: /s/ _____
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