

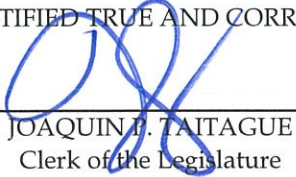
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2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

VOTING RECORD

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Senator Chris Barnett	✓					
Senator Frank Blas, Jr.	✓					
Senator Joanne Brown	✓					
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas	✓					
Senator Thomas J. Fisher	✓					
Senator Jesse A. Lujan	✓					
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes	✓					
Senator William A. Parkinson	✓					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez	✓					
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata	✓					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin	✓					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas	✓					
Senator Amanda L. Shelton	✓					
Senator Telo T. Taitague	✓					
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje	✓					
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 JOAQUIN J. TAITAGUE
 Clerk of the Legislature

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Relative to supporting the participation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as an Observer at the World Health Organization's Seventy-seventh (77th) World Health Assembly, and to reaffirm support for the participation of the Republic of China (Taiwan) as an Observer in International Organizations.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**
3 **WHEREAS**, one hundred eleven (111) years ago on October 10, 1911, the
4 Republic of China (Taiwan) was founded. The United States of America and the

1 Republic of China (Taiwan) have been friends and allies for many years. Throughout
2 this time, the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United States of
3 America and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have developed into a strong partnership;
4 and

5 **WHEREAS**, the freedom and democracy enjoyed by the people of the Republic
6 of China (Taiwan) are clearly demonstrated in the progress and growth of the economy
7 of this great country. In furthering its commitment to freedom and democracy, Taiwan
8 continues to seek representation and meaningful participation in international
9 organizations; and

10 **WHEREAS**, in line with the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, the Asia
11 Reassurance Initiative Act of 2018, the Taiwan Travel Act of 2018, and the Taiwan
12 Allies International Protection and Enhancement Initiative (TAIPEI) Act of 2019,
13 Guam intends to continue to maintain relationships with one of our closest democratic
14 countries in the Pacific region; and

15 **WHEREAS**, since April 2008, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* has adopted Legislative
16 Resolutions commending the efforts of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to promote
17 World Health, and had endorsed Taiwan’s observer status at the World Health
18 Assembly (WHA). The people of Guam have maintained a special Sister-City
19 relationship with the people of Taipei City since 1973, and believe that good health is
20 important to every citizen of the world, and believe that access to the highest standard
21 of health information and services is necessary to improve the public health; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)
23 Constitution states that “the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is
24 one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion,
25 political belief, economic or social condition.” Taiwan’s twenty-three million five
26 hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to attend the WHA as an observer; and they

1 have a population that is greater than three-fourths (3/4) of member states already
2 admitted into the WHO. Because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best
3 interest of the human condition that Taiwan be afforded observership in the WHO in
4 order to benefit from information regarding the prevention, monitoring and cure of
5 epidemic diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of
6 global health policies; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan's achievement in the field of health is substantial, including
8 one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia; maternal and infant mortality rates
9 comparable to those of western countries; the eradication of infectious diseases such as
10 cholera, smallpox, and the plague; and being the first nation to eradicate polio and
11 provide children with Hepatitis B vaccinations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, direct and unobstructed participation in international health
13 cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially with
14 today's greater potential for cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as
15 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), tuberculosis, malaria, and COVID-19; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to participate in
17 activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974,
18 and the Order of Malta, and the Holy See in the early 1950s. The United States, in the
19 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support Taiwan's participation in
20 appropriate international organizations. U.S. Public Law 106-137 required the U.S.
21 Secretary of State to submit a report to the U.S. Congress on the efforts by the executive
22 branch to support Taiwan's participation in international organizations, in particular the
23 WHO; and

24 **WHEREAS**, during the G7 Foreign and Development Minister's Meeting in
25 May 2021, the G7 countries, comprising Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the

1 United Kingdom, and the United States, supported the inclusion of Taiwan at the World
2 Health Assembly through a joint communique; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan) continues to demonstrate
4 incredible assistance to Guam’s health care system. On March 30, 2022, the JAG
5 TeleCare remote health monitoring platform was donated to the Guam Memorial
6 Hospital Authority to strengthen Guam’s telehealth services and expand Guam’s
7 network of health care coverage for the people of Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS**, additionally, knowing that the stray animal population in Guam
9 continues to be a serious situation to our community, a team from the Department of
10 Veterinary Medicine of Taiwan’s National Chung Hsing University volunteered their
11 time in August 2022 to conduct a spay and neuter program. The program committed to
12 spay or neuter four hundred (400) animals; and the team also lent their expertise, giving
13 lectures at the University of Guam pertaining to responsible pet care and ownership;
14 and

15 **WHEREAS**, during the COVID-19 pandemic, two hundred thousand (200,000)
16 face masks, nine hundred (900) pandemic readiness kits, and four (4) full-body
17 temperature scanners were secured with the assistance of the Taipei Economic and
18 Cultural Office in Guam (TECO). Furthermore, in January 2021, with the help of TECO
19 in Guam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, flights were chartered with China Airlines
20 as a joint humanitarian and medical mission for about fifty (50) passengers each flight.
21 This endeavor was especially beneficial to Guam residents seeking medical treatment
22 off island but have been unable to do so because of the COVID-19 health crisis and
23 canceled direct flights; and

24 **WHEREAS**, prior to the pandemic, patients in Guam received life-changing
25 specialized care from hospitals in Taiwan. The China Medical University Hospital in
26 Taichung and Yuan’s General Hospital in Kaohsiung are just a few of several hospitals

1 that care for Guam patients. Additionally, the Guam Memorial Hospital maintains a
2 referral hospital relationship with Taiwan Adventist Hospital in Taipei with a
3 memorandum of understanding signed in January 2020. Taiwan Adventist Hospital
4 continues to be supportive of the Guam Memorial Hospital donating personal protective
5 equipment, including face masks and face shields to the GMH in April 2021. Moreover,
6 Taiwan sends physicians to teach the physicians in Guam and to offer support to our
7 medical community; and

8 **WHEREAS**, during the U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing on the
9 Biden Administration Foreign Policy Priorities in March 2021, U.S. Secretary of State
10 Antony Blinken testified of his commitment to work on including Taiwan at
11 international conferences due to their immense contributions and invaluable technical
12 expertise during the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, President Biden restated the
13 United States' support of Taiwan in the interim National Security Strategic Guidance
14 issued by the White House in March 2021; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Guam further intends to reaffirm and deepen its sister-city
16 relationship with Taipei, Taoyuan, and Taichung by supporting the efforts to grant
17 Taiwan participation at international organizations, including the International Civil
18 Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the United Nations Framework Convention on
19 Climate Change (UNFCCC); and promote Taiwan's participation in the International
20 Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); now therefore, be it

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
22 on behalf of the people of Guam, express its full support for the government and the
23 people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to achieve its objective to become an observer
24 at the World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization, and that they deserve
25 the same level of public health as citizens of every nation on earth as we support them
26 in their efforts; and does further support granting the Republic of China (Taiwan)

1 observer status at intergovernmental organizations, including the International Civil
2 Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate
3 Change (UNFCCC), and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)
4 which will facilitate greater collaboration and foster peace and security of our global
5 community; and be it further

6 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
7 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable
8 Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization; to the
9 Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States of America; to the Honorable
10 Antony Blinken, United States Secretary of State; to the Honorable Xavier Becerra,
11 United States Secretary of Health and Human Services; to Her Excellency Tsai Ing-
12 wen, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); to His Excellency Lai Ching-te, President-
13 Elect, Republic of China (Taiwan), to His Excellency Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister,
14 Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Jui-Yuan
15 Hsueh, M.D., LL.M, Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of China
16 (Taiwan); to the Honorable Chia Ping Liu, Director General, Taipei Economic and
17 Cultural Office in Guam; to the Honorable António Guterres, Secretary General of the
18 United Nations; to the Honorable Tai Hsi-Chin, Speaker, Taipei City Council; to the
19 Honorable Chiang Wan-an, Mayor of Taipei City; to the Honorable Chiu Yi-sheng,
20 Speaker, Taoyuan City Council; to the Honorable Chang San-cheng, Mayor of Taoyuan
21 City; to the Honorable Chang Ching-chao, Speaker, Taichung City Council; to the
22 Honorable Lu Shiow-yen, Mayor of Taichung City; to the United States Congressional
23 Taiwan Caucus; to the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam Delegate to the United States
24 Congress; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary