

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
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Thirty-Seventh Guam Legislature

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero
I Maga'hågan Guåhan
Ufisinan I Maga'håga
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear *Maga'håga* Leon Guerrero:

Transmitted herewith is **Resolution No. 30-37 (COR)**, “RELATIVE TO SUPPORTING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)’S PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER AT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION’S 76TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY AND TO REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)’S PARTICIPATION AS OBSERVER IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,” which was duly and regularly adopted by *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on March 30, 2023.

Sincerely,

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (1)

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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 30-37 (COR)

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÁHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, One Hundred and Eleven years ago on October 10, 1911, the
4 Republic of China (Taiwan) was founded. The United States of America and the
5 Republic of China (Taiwan) have been friends and allies for many years. Throughout

1 this time the ties of friendship and the commercial interests of the United States of
2 America and the Republic of China (Taiwan) have developed into a strong partnership;
3 and

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, the preamble of the World Health Organization (WHO)
22 Constitution states that "the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is
23 one of the fundamental rights of every human being without distinction of race, religion,
24 political belief, economic or social condition." Taiwan's twenty-three million five
25 hundred thousand (23,500,000) people wish to attend the WHA as an observer; and
26 have a population that is greater than three-fourths of member states already admitted
27 into the WHO. Because health and disease have no borders, it is in the best interest of

1 the human condition that Taiwan be afforded observership in the WHO in order to
2 benefit from information regarding the prevention, monitoring and cure of epidemic
3 diseases, prevention of terrorist bio-chemical attacks, and discussions of global health
4 policies; and

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

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

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

21 **WHEREAS**, during the G7 Foreign and Development Minister's Meeting in
22 May 2021, the G7 countries comprising of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the
23 United Kingdom, and the United States, supported the inclusion of Taiwan at the World
24 Health Assembly through a joint communique; and

25 **WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan) continues to demonstrate
26 incredible assistance to Guam's health system. On March 30, 2022, the JAG TeleCare
27 remote health monitoring platform was donated to the Guam Memorial Hospital

1 Authority to strengthen Guam’s telehealth services and expand our network of
2 healthcare coverage for the people of Guam; and

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

9 **WHEREAS**, during the pandemic, 200,000 masks, 900 Pandemic Readiness
10 Kits, and four full-body temperature scanners were secured with the assistance of the
11 Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO). Furthermore, in January of
12 2021, with the help of TECO in Guam and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, flights were
13 chartered with China Airlines as a joint humanitarian and medical mission for about 50
14 passengers each flight. This endeavor was especially beneficial to Guam residents
15 seeking medical treatment off island but have been unable to do so because of the
16 COVID-19 health crisis and canceled direct flights; and

17 **WHEREAS**, prior to the pandemic, patients in Guam received life-changing
18 specialized care from hospitals in Taiwan. The China Medical University Hospital in
19 Taichung and Yuan’s General Hospital in Kaohsiung are just a few of several hospitals
20 that care for Guam patients. Additionally, the Guam Memorial Hospital maintains a
21 referral hospital relationship with Taiwan Adventist Hospital in Taipei with a
22 memorandum of understanding signed in January 2020. Taiwan Adventist Hospital
23 continues to be supportive of the Guam Memorial Hospital donating personal protective
24 equipment, including face masks and face shields to the GMH in April 2021. Moreover,
25 Taiwan sends physicians to teach the physicians in Guam and to offer support to our
26 medical community; and

1 **WHEREAS**, during the House Foreign Affairs Committee Hearing on the Biden
2 Administration Foreign Policy Priorities in March 2021, Secretary of State Antony
3 Blinken testified his commitment to work on including Taiwan at international
4 conferences due to their immense contributions and invaluable technical expertise
5 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Moreover, President Biden restated the United States
6 support of Taiwan in the interim National Security Strategic Guidance issued by the
7 White House on March 2021; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Guam further intends to reaffirm and deepen our Sister City
9 relationship with Taipei, Taoyuan, and Taichung by supporting efforts to grant Taiwan
10 participation at international organizations including the International Civil Aviation
11 Organization (ICAO), United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change
12 (UNFCCC), and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). Taiwan's
13 participation will promote; now therefore be it

14 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of
15 the people of Guam, does hereby express its full support for the government and the
16 people of Taiwan, that they deserve the same level of public health as citizens of every
17 nation on earth, and that we support them in their efforts to achieve its objective to
18 become an observer of the World Health Assembly to be held WHO; and be it further

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of
20 the people of Guam, does hereby support granting Taiwan observer status at
21 intergovernmental organizations including the International Civil Aviation
22 Organization (ICAO), United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change
23 (UNFCCC), and International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), which will
24 facilitate greater collaboration and foster peace and security of our global community;
25 and

26 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the
27 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable

1 Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General, World Health Organization; to the
2 Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the United States of America; to the Honorable
3 Anthony Blinken, Secretary of State, United States of America; to the Honorable Xavier
4 Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services, United States of America; to Her
5 Excellency Tsai Ing-wen, President, Republic of China (Taiwan); to His Excellency
6 Jaushieh Joseph Wu, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of China
7 (Taiwan); to the Honorable Jui-Yuan Hsueh, Minister, Ministry of Health and Welfare,
8 Republic of China (Taiwan); to the Honorable Paul Chen, Director General, Taiwan
9 Economic and Cultural Office in Guam; to the Honorable António Guterres, Secretary
10 General of the United Nations; to the United States Congressional Taiwan Caucus; to
11 the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam's Delegate to the United States Congress; and
12 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 30TH DAY OF MARCH 2023.



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker



AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary

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NAME	Aye	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	Excused
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	✓					
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Aye

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

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Substitute Clerk of the Legislature

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