

1 A MEMORIAL

2 SUPPORTING STRENGTHENING RELATIONS BETWEEN NEW MEXICO, THE
3 UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN IN TRADE, THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY
4 OFFICIALS AND TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL
5 ORGANIZATIONS.

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7 WHEREAS, the trade of goods and services between the
8 United States and the Republic of China, also known as
9 Taiwan, totaled an estimated one hundred fourteen billion
10 dollars (\$114,000,000,000) in 2021, with thirty-six billion
11 dollars (\$36,000,000,000) in exports, excluding military
12 sales, and sixty-seven billion one hundred million dollars
13 (\$67,100,000,000) in imports, ranking Taiwan as the
14 eighth-largest trading partner of the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, overall, Taiwan supports more than three
16 hundred seventy-three thousand two hundred eighty-eight jobs
17 in the United States; and

18 WHEREAS, Taiwan was New Mexico's sixth-largest export
19 market in 2021, with a total of one hundred twenty-four
20 million dollars (\$124,000,000) in exports from New Mexico;
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22 WHEREAS, in total, more than one thousand two hundred
23 jobs in New Mexico are supported by Taiwan-affiliated
24 companies and the exports of goods and services to Taiwan;
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1 WHEREAS, four co-sponsors plus one hundred fifty-seven
2 members of congress signed a letter to United States trade
3 representative Robert E. Lighthizer on December 19, 2019, and
4 fifty United States senators signed an additional letter to
5 him on October 1, 2020, both encouraging the United States
6 government to work toward initiating negotiations on a
7 bilateral trade agreement with Taiwan, which would foster a
8 more open and fair trade environment, thereby creating
9 greater export and investment opportunities between the two
10 countries; and

11 WHEREAS, the United States under secretary of state for
12 economic growth, energy and the environment and Taiwan's
13 ministers of economic affairs and science and technology
14 jointly led the second annual United States-Taiwan economic
15 prosperity partnership dialogue on November 22, 2021,
16 featuring extensive discussions on supply chain resiliency,
17 countering economic coercion, promoting the digital economy,
18 strengthening fifth generation wireless network security and
19 advancing collaboration in a variety of science and
20 technology areas; and

21 WHEREAS, Taiwan's Admiral cable located operations in
22 Santa Teresa, New Mexico, in 2018, and Xxentria and Cymmetrik
23 followed in 2020, creating more than three hundred jobs; and

24 WHEREAS, Taiwan's bureau of foreign trade and ministry
25 of economic affairs and the New Mexico economic development

1 department signed a memorandum of understanding on trade and
2 economic cooperation on October 5, 2021, aiming to foster
3 further economic engagement and establish or expand
4 operations and supply chain cooperation between Taiwan and
5 New Mexico; and

6 WHEREAS, on July 12, 2013, the president of the United
7 States signed into law H.R. 1151, an act supporting Taiwan's
8 participation as an observer in the international civil
9 aviation organization; and

10 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2016, the president of the United
11 States signed into law S. 2426, an act directing the United
12 States secretary of state to develop a strategy to obtain
13 observer status for Taiwan in the international criminal
14 police organization; and

15 WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the president of the United
16 States signed into law S. 1678, an act stating that it should
17 be the policy of the United States to advocate, as
18 appropriate, for Taiwan's membership in all international
19 organizations in which statehood is not a requirement and in
20 which the United States is also a participant, and for Taiwan
21 to be granted observer status in other appropriate
22 international organizations; and

23 WHEREAS, the United States secretary of state issued a
24 statement on October 26, 2021, encouraging all United Nations
25 member states to join in supporting Taiwan's robust,

1 meaningful participation throughout the United Nations system
2 and in the international community; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Bi-khim Hsiao, Taiwan's representative to
4 the United States, and Taiwan's digital minister, Ms. Audrey
5 Tang, were invited to attend the "summit for democracy"
6 hosted by President Joe Biden on December 9 and 10, 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, joint memorials in support of Taiwan's
8 participation in international organizations and United
9 Nations specialized agencies have been introduced in the New
10 Mexico legislature in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019 and
11 2021; and

12 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Travel Act, enacted on March 16,
13 2018, allows officials at all levels of the federal
14 government to travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese
15 counterparts and allows high-level Taiwanese officials to
16 enter the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, New Mexico legislators are urged to support the
18 negotiation of a United States-Taiwan bilateral trade
19 agreement and Taiwan's participation in international
20 organizations; and

21 WHEREAS, achievements made by New Mexico and Taiwan have
22 been acknowledged in the fields of economy, trade,
23 technology, education and culture since the establishment of
24 their sister-state relations on August 14, 1985; and

25 WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and New Mexico

1 legislators are encouraged to lead delegations to Taiwan to
2 advance bilateral trade and investment opportunities between
3 New Mexico and Taiwan, and tourism, cultural and educational
4 exchange opportunities between New Mexico and Taiwan in the
5 future;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the house of
8 representatives support strengthening relations between New
9 Mexico, the United States and Taiwan in trade, the exchange
10 of visits by officials and support of organizations; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the president of the United States, the
13 governor of New Mexico, members of New Mexico's congressional
14 delegation, the United States secretary of state and the
15 United States trade representative. _____

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