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A JOINT MEMORIAL

SUPPORTING THE STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE UNITED STATES AND BETWEEN TAIWAN AND NEW MEXICO IN THE AREAS OF TRADE, TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION, OFFICIAL EXCHANGES AND INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION.

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a vibrant and trusted democracy that shares with the United States the values of freedom, human rights and the rule of law, and both sides enjoy a close partnership rooted in democratic principles and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan have advanced their economic relationship, including the signing of the first agreement under the United States-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade on June 1, 2023, establishing high-standard commitments for future cooperation in transparent, rules-based

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1 and mutually beneficial trade; and

2 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a major economic partner of the United
3 States, ranking seventh in 2024 with two-way trade in goods
4 reaching one hundred fifty-eight billion seven hundred million
5 dollars (\$158,700,000,000), and ranked fourth among New
6 Mexico's export markets in 2024 with exports totaling two
7 hundred fifty-six million dollars (\$256,000,000); and

8 WHEREAS, New Mexico and Taiwan have strengthened bilateral
9 relations, including the signing of a memorandum of
10 understanding between the Taiwan international trade
11 administration and the economic development department on
12 October 5, 2021 and the opening in 2021 of a New Mexico
13 international trade office in Taipei to support commercial
14 exchanges, supply-chain development and business expansion; and

15 WHEREAS, New Mexico and Taiwan have maintained a close
16 sister-state relationship since August 14, 1985, achieving
17 progress in trade, technology, education, culture and people-
18 to-people exchanges, and both sides seek to continue expanding
19 cooperation for shared benefit; and

20 WHEREAS, the federal Taiwan Travel Act, signed on March
21 16, 2018, enables reciprocal visits and direct dialogue between
22 United States and Taiwanese officials at all levels,
23 strengthening policy engagement and cooperation; and

24 WHEREAS, successive United States administrations have
25 encouraged support for Taiwan's meaningful participation in the

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1 United Nations system, including a 2021 statement by the United
2 States secretary of state calling upon United Nations member
3 states to support Taiwan's engagement in global institutions;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758,
6 adopted in 1971, addressed the question of China's
7 representation in the United Nations but did not determine
8 Taiwan's status, did not endorse the "one-China principle" and
9 did not authorize Taiwan's exclusion from United Nations
10 agencies or other international organizations, and
11 misinterpretations of the resolution should not be used to deny
12 Taiwan's ability to contribute to the international community;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature has consistently
15 demonstrated bipartisan support for Taiwan's international
16 participation, introducing multiple memorials in 2013, 2014,
17 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2025; and

18 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a global leader in advanced technology,
19 semiconductors and artificial intelligence, and the United
20 States is prioritizing artificial intelligence innovation and
21 global leadership under Executive Order 14179 and "Winning the
22 Race: America's AI Action Plan", presenting strong
23 opportunities for expanded cooperation with New Mexico in
24 research, technology development and talent cultivation;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislature support expanding and
2 sustaining cooperation between the United States and Taiwan and
3 between Taiwan and New Mexico in trade, technology, education,
4 official exchanges and participation in international
5 organizations; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature support
7 continued progress under the United States-Taiwan Initiative on
8 21st Century Trade, including consideration of a double
9 taxation avoidance agreement, expanded bilateral trade
10 initiatives and support for Taiwan's participation in the
11 Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific
12 Partnership; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature support
14 Taiwan's meaningful participation in the United Nations system
15 and related organizations, including the world health
16 organization, the world health assembly, the international
17 civil aviation organization, the United Nations climate change
18 conference and the international criminal police organization;
19 and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature oppose the
21 misinterpretation or misuse of United Nations Resolution 2758
22 to exclude Taiwan from international cooperation or engagement;
23 and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that New Mexico's economic and
25 trade agencies, in collaboration with institutions of higher

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1 education, be encouraged to pursue cooperative programs with
2 Taiwan in artificial intelligence, research, technology
3 development, workforce training, student exchange and joint
4 innovation consistent with United States national policy; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature support
6 establishing a mechanism for regular cooperation with Taiwan,
7 including periodic visits by New Mexico officials and
8 legislators, trade missions and academic exchanges, by creating
9 the New Mexico-Taiwan friendship caucus in the legislature to
10 facilitate the above goals; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor and the members of New Mexico's
13 congressional delegation.

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