

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION

### **Celebrating the sister-state relationship between the State of Nevada and Taiwan**

Whereas, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who both deeply cherish the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of law; and

Whereas, The State of Nevada is proud of the sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan since 1985, which has been strengthened greatly through the efforts of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco; and

Whereas, Taiwan has remained the beacon of democracy and freedom in the Asia-Pacific region and in 2020 Taiwan achieved immense success in combating the COVID-19 pandemic and contributed extensive resources to helping the international community, including the global donation of tens of millions of surgical and N95 masks, hundreds of thousands of isolation gowns, and tens of thousands of forehead thermometers, as well as 50,000 surgical masks and N95 masks to the State of Nevada, and

Whereas, Taiwan is the ninth largest trading partner of the United States, the United States is Taiwan's second largest trading partner and Taiwan supports an estimated 33,000 jobs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States officially launched the U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative in 2020, which expanded access to Chinese/Mandarin and English language instruction, while safeguarding academic and intellectual freedom; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan Relations Act in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral relationship as well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests between the United States and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Nevada welcomes all opportunities for an even closer economic partnership, to enhance the special sister-state relations each has enjoyed since 1985, to encourage further business, educational, cultural and people-to-people exchanges, and to recover better together in the post-pandemic economic recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Over 30,000 Taiwanese citizens currently reside in Nevada and have enriched our communities while sharing their great culture and enhancing ours; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the members of the Legislative Commission, on behalf of the people of Nevada, reaffirm the sister -state relationship of the State of Nevada and Taiwan as a source of great pride for the State of Nevada which continues to enhance trade, education and cultural relations; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission hereby expresses appreciation to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office under the current leadership of Director General Scott Lai in San Francisco, California, for fostering the continued success of the sister-state relationship.

Dated this 8th day of April 2022

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Assemblyman Steve Yeager  
Chair of the Legislative Commission

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Brenda J. Erdoes  
Secretary of the Legislative Commission