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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENDORISING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER IN THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORTING THE 24<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER-STATE RELATIONS BETWEEN HAWAII AND TAIWAN.

1           WHEREAS, climate change has become a major global issue  
2 confronting humanity in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and Taiwan's inclusion  
3 in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change as  
4 an observer would enable Taiwan to make valuable contributions  
5 to the international community; and  
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7           WHEREAS, in September 2016, the United States Department of  
8 State expressed its support for the "meaningful participation"  
9 of Taiwan as an observer in the International Civil Aviation  
10 Organization; and  
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12           WHEREAS, Taiwan is a key air transport hub that links  
13 Northeast and Southeast Asia, and the inclusion of Taiwan in the  
14 International Civil Aviation Organization as an observer will  
15 ensure the aviation safety of passengers from Taiwan and abroad;  
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18           WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2016, Taiwan participated in the  
19 annual World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, as an  
20 observer, setting a precedent for Taiwan's participation in  
21 United Nations specialized agencies; and  
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23           WHEREAS, on March 18, 2016, the President of the United  
24 States signed into a law a bill that directs the Department of  
25 State to:

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27           (1) Develop a strategy to obtain observer status for  
28           Taiwan in the International Criminal Police



1 Organization (INTERPOL) and at other related  
2 activities, meetings, and mechanisms; and  
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- 4 (2) Instruct INTERPOL Washington to request observer  
5 status for Taiwan in INTERPOL and urge INTERPOL  
6 members to support Taiwan's observer status and  
7 participation; and  
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9 WHEREAS, on April 5, 2017, the State of Hawaii signed a  
10 reciprocal driver's license agreement with Taiwan--the State's  
11 second such accord with a foreign government--which will bring  
12 increased convenience to residents of both places as well as  
13 help deepen bilateral exchanges; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and Taiwan Province of the  
16 Republic of China jointly established a sister-state  
17 relationship in 1993 to promote international understanding and  
18 goodwill and to strengthen the friendship between the residents  
19 of Hawaii and Taiwan; and  
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21 WHEREAS, over the past 24 years, the bonds of true  
22 friendship and a steadfast partnership between Hawaii and Taiwan  
23 have taken root, resulting in greater economic, social, and  
24 cultural exchange between the two sides; now, therefore,  
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
28 House of Representatives concurring, that this body endorses the  
29 participation of Taiwan as an observer in the United Nations  
30 Framework Convention on Climate Change, International Civil  
31 Aviation Organization, World Health Organization, and  
32 International Criminal Police Organization; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body supports the 24<sup>th</sup>  
35 anniversary of sister-state relations between the State of  
36 Hawaii and Taiwan Province of the Republic of China; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
40 United States; President Pro Tempore of the United States  
41 Senate; Speaker of the United States House of Representatives;  
42 United States Secretary of State; each member of Hawaii's  
43 Congressional delegation; Governor of the State of Hawaii;



- 1 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and
- 2 Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in
- 3 Honolulu.

