

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 SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S PARTICIPATION IN  
5 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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7 WHEREAS, the trade in goods and services between the  
8 United States and the Republic of China, also known as  
9 Taiwan, totaled an estimated one hundred three billion nine  
10 hundred million dollars (\$103,900,000,000) in 2019, with  
11 forty-two billion three hundred million dollars  
12 (\$42,300,000,000) in exports and sixty-one billion six  
13 hundred million dollars (\$61,600,000,000) in imports, ranking  
14 Taiwan as the tenth-largest trading partner of the United  
15 States; and

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

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan was New Mexico's nineteenth-largest  
20 export market in 2019, with a total of fifteen million three  
21 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$15,350,000) in exports from  
22 New Mexico; and

23 WHEREAS, in total, more than one thousand two hundred  
24 nine jobs in New Mexico are supported by Taiwan-affiliated  
25 companies and the exports of goods and services to Taiwan;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, one hundred fifty-seven members of congress  
3 signed a letter to United States trade representative Robert  
4 E. Lighthizer on December 19, 2019, and fifty United States  
5 senators signed an additional letter to him on October 1,  
6 2020, both encouraging the United States government to work  
7 toward initiating negotiations on a bilateral trade agreement  
8 with Taiwan, which would foster a more open and fair trade  
9 environment, thereby creating greater export and investment  
10 opportunities between the two countries; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan's Admiral cable located operations in  
12 Santa Teresa, New Mexico, in 2018, and Xxentria and Cymmetrik  
13 followed in 2020, creating three hundred forty-two, thirty-  
14 five and ten jobs, respectively, with the expectation that  
15 more Taiwan-based companies will invest in New Mexico in the  
16 years to come; and

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

21 WHEREAS, on March 18, 2016, the president of the United  
22 States signed into law S.2426, an act directing the United  
23 States secretary of state to develop a strategy to obtain  
24 observer status for Taiwan in the international criminal  
25 police organization; and

1           WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the president of the United  
2 States signed into law S.1678, an act stating that it should  
3 be the policy of the United States to advocate, as  
4 appropriate, for Taiwan's membership in all international  
5 organizations in which statehood is not a requirement and in  
6 which the United States is also a participant, and for Taiwan  
7 to be granted observer status in other appropriate  
8 international organizations; and

9           WHEREAS, Taiwan has received global recognition as a  
10 success story in combating the coronavirus disease 2019, and  
11 can provide expertise and humanitarian aid to affected states  
12 in the United States, including New Mexico; and

13           WHEREAS, Taiwan's inclusion in the world health  
14 organization could benefit the entire human race; and

15           WHEREAS, joint memorials in support of Taiwan's  
16 participation in international organizations and United  
17 Nations specialized agencies have been introduced in the New  
18 Mexico legislature in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019;  
19 and

20           WHEREAS, the Taiwan Travel Act, enacted on March 16,  
21 2018, allows officials at all levels of the federal  
22 government to travel to Taiwan to meet their Taiwanese  
23 counterparts and allows high-level Taiwanese officials to  
24 enter the United States; and

25           WHEREAS, New Mexico legislators are urged to support the

1 negotiation of a United States and Taiwan bilateral trade  
2 agreement and Taiwan's participation in international  
3 organizations; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham and New Mexico  
9 legislators are encouraged to lead delegations to Taiwan to  
10 advance bilateral trade and investment opportunities between  
11 New Mexico and Taiwan, and tourism, cultural and educational  
12 exchange opportunities between New Mexico and Taiwan in the  
13 future, including the signing of a memorandum of  
14 understanding on economic cooperation and trade relations  
15 between New Mexico and Taiwan;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
17 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it support  
18 strengthening relations between New Mexico, the United States  
19 and Taiwan in trade, the exchange of visits by officials and  
20 support of organizations; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the president of the United States, the  
23 governor of New Mexico, members of New Mexico's congressional  
24 delegation, the United States secretary of state and the  
25 United States trade representative. \_\_\_\_\_