

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

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5 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
6 MONTANA STRONGLY URGING THAT TAIWAN BE PERMITTED APPROPRIATE AND MEANINGFUL
7 PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

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9 WHEREAS, direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums and
10 programs is crucial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread
11 of various infectious diseases; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the highest life
13 expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, the
14 eradication of the infectious diseases of cholera, smallpox, and plague, and being the first Asian nation to
15 eradicate polio and the first country in the world to provide children with free hepatitis B vaccinations; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwanese counterpart
17 have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues; and

18 WHEREAS, in recent years, Taiwan has expressed a willingness to financially and technically assist the
19 international aid and health activities supported by the World Health Organization; and

20 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23 million people is larger than that of 75% of the World Health
21 Organization member states; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to support
23 Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, Taiwan's participation in the activities of the World Health Organization could bring many
25 benefits to the state of health not only in Taiwan but also regionally and globally.

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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 STATE OF MONTANA:

29 That the Montana Legislature strongly urge that Taiwan be permitted appropriate and meaningful
30 participation in the activities of the World Health Organization.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the
2 President of the United States, the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Director General of the Taipei
3 Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle, and the World Health Organization.

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