



A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REAFFIRMING MONTANA'S COMMITMENT TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN.

WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan are bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy; and

WHEREAS, trade between the United States and Taiwan contributes meaningfully to our mutual economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the eighth largest trading partner of the United States with bilateral trade totaling \$113.9 billion in 2021, while both sides welcomed the launch of the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade to further develop economic ties and facilitate trade; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan and Montana have marked a close relationship through a sister state agreement begun in 1985 and established the Montana Asia Trade Office in 2021 to expand bilateral trade and to promote the partnership with the private sectors to create favorable economic development; and

WHEREAS, Montana's share of that trade in 2021 amounted to outbound sales to Taiwan of \$53 million in commodity goods, such as semiconductor machinery, inorganic chemicals, and machine parts, with commodity purchases from Taiwan of \$45 million in 2021 that primarily included semi-manufactured platinum metal, electrical machines for audio and video recording, and self-tapping screws of iron and steel; and

WHEREAS, based on the principles of the U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative in 2020, Taiwan intends to further collaborate with Montana on education, technology, and cultural and economic exchanges by signing memoranda of understanding to contribute positively to the strengthening of education and learning-related linkages between both sides; and

WHEREAS, Montana welcomes all opportunities for an even closer economic, educational, and cultural relationship with Taiwan and supports increased trade and investment through bilateral free and fair trade

agreements, support of the United States-Taiwan Global Cooperation and Training Framework, and capacity-building programs for regional experts in e-commerce.

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

- (1) That the state of Montana recognizes the importance of a strong and enduring partnership with Taiwan.
- (2) That the state of Montana welcomes periodic trade talks under the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade or related agreements in the interest of free and fair trade.
- (3) That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Department of Commerce, the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Taiwanese Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Director of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HJ 10, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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