

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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8 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
9 MONTANA REAFFIRMING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF MONTANA AND TAIWAN;
10 WELCOMING BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT TALKS; AND SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S MEANINGFUL
11 PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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13 WHEREAS, Taiwan was the 11th largest trading partner of the United States in 2019 with a bilateral
14 trade volume of \$85.5 billion, and according to the United States Census Bureau, Taiwan became the ninth
15 largest trading partner in the first half of 2020 with a bilateral trade volume of \$42.8 billion; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan remains the seventh largest export market for the agricultural goods of the United
17 States, including the sixth largest market for United States beef, valued at approximately \$3.57 billion a year
18 between 2017 and 2019; and

19 WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2021, Taiwan President Tsai Ing-Wen announced the removal of
20 restrictions on importing United States beef over 30 months of age and United States pork containing
21 ractopamine, demonstrating Taiwan's efforts to eliminate trade barriers; and

22 WHEREAS, Taiwan was the State of Montana's sixth largest export market in 2019, valued at \$58
23 million in sales, which grew 14.5% over 2018; and

24 WHEREAS, Congress passed the Taiwan Travel Act and the Taiwan Allies International Protection and
25 Enhancement Initiative Act in 2018 and 2019 to encourage bilateral governmental exchange between the
26 United States and Taiwan and to support Taiwan's international participation; and

27 WHEREAS, between August 9-12, 2020, United States Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex
28 Azar led a delegation to Taiwan to express the United States government's support of Taiwan and to recognize

1 Taiwan's contributions during the global public health pandemic of the novel coronavirus; and

2 WHEREAS, the year 2021 is the 36th anniversary of the sisterhood between the State of Montana and
3 Taiwan. In 2020, during the pandemic, Taiwan donated nearly 20 million surgical masks all over the world.
4 Demonstrating Taiwan's friendship and commitment to the State of Montana, Taiwan sent 30,000 surgical
5 masks to Montana's frontline responders and another 10,000 surgical masks to Montana's judicial personnel;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the State of Montana reaffirms its dedication to strengthening closer trade and cultural ties
8 with Taiwan, supporting increased bilateral trade and investment, and encouraging further governmental
9 exchange.

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

13 (1) That the State of Montana reaffirms its commitment to a stronger and deeper relationship with the
14 people of Taiwan, in particular during this year, the 36th anniversary of the Montana-Taiwan sisterhood.

15 (2) That Montana supports the United States' achievements concerning the bilateral trade agreement
16 with Taiwan.

17 (3) That in recognition of Taiwan's contribution to global public health security and a broad range of
18 other issues, including humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and empowerment of women, which includes
19 hosting regular forums under the United States-Taiwan Global Cooperation and Training Framework, the State
20 of Montana supports Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations.

21 (4) That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Montana Congressional
22 Delegation, Governor Gianforte, Minister of Foreign Affairs Jaushieh Wu, and Director General Daniel Chen of
23 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Seattle.

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