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Resolution Reaffirming Continued Support of the Relationship and Shared Interests between the Midwestern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments and Taiwan

- WHEREAS,** Taiwan and the United States jointly launched the U.S.-Taiwan Education Initiative in December 2020 to reaffirm both sides' commitment to deepening cooperation on international education, particularly in the area of English and Mandarin Chinese language education; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan and the United States announced the launch of the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade on June 1, 2022 to develop concrete ways to deepen the economic and trade relationship, and advance mutual trade priorities based on shared values, which would in turn contribute to promoting innovation and inclusive economic growth between Taiwan and the United States, particularly the 11 Midwestern states; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan, the 8th largest trading partner for the United States in 2021, a democratic stronghold in East Asia, and an indispensable player in the global supply chain, supports the United States' "Friend-Shoring" initiative aiming to build resilient supply chains and revitalize American manufacturing while safeguarding its security interest; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan's pivotal strategic location, free and open society and solid industrial strengths make it a worthy partner to be included in the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) launched by the United States on May 23, 2022; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan shares the common strategic interests in maintaining peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, as well as in promoting economic security in the Indo-Pacific region; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan, as a responsible stakeholder in the international community, a frequent donor of medical supplies wherever needed and a pioneer in providing affordable universal healthcare for its people, is seeking to meaningfully participate in the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO); and

- WHEREAS,** the Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC) reiterates its support for the United States to further expand mutual cooperation with Taiwan in trade, education and industry; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED,** that the MLC continues to support Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations such as, but not limited to the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the International Criminal Police Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization, as well as its aspiration to be invited to join the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity; and be it further
- RESOLVED,** that this resolution be submitted to appropriate state and federal officials.

Adopted this 13th day of July, 2022 at the 76th MLC Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas

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