

1                   **HOUSE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING UTAH'S IMPORTANT**  
2                                   **RELATIONSHIP WITH TAIWAN**

3   2019 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Timothy D. Hawkes**

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9                   This resolution reaffirms the importance of the relationship between the State of Utah  
10 and Taiwan.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12                   This resolution:

- 13                   ▶ reaffirms the importance of the relationship between the State of Utah and Taiwan.

14 **Special Clauses:**

15                   None

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17 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

18                   WHEREAS, the United States and Taiwan share an important relationship supported by  
19 common values, including freedom, democracy, rule of law, and a free market economy;

20                   WHEREAS, since 1956, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has dispatched  
21 more than 43,000 missionaries, including former Utah governor Jon Huntsman Jr., to Taiwan  
22 as a friendly exchange between our peoples;

23                   WHEREAS, the State of Utah is proud of the relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan  
24 since 1980, which has been consolidated by strong bilateral religious, trade, educational, and  
25 cultural exchanges, scientific and technological development, and tourism;

26                   WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner and  
27 Taiwan ranks as the United States' eleventh-largest trading partner. The United States and



28 Taiwan traded approximately \$68 billion of goods and services in 2018, with Utah exporting  
29 more than \$600 million in goods to Taiwan. These exports included computers, electronic  
30 products, food manufactures, chemicals, and machinery products;

31 WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific region is the largest market in the world for American  
32 exports, many of Utah's exports go to markets in the Asia-Pacific region and, as of 2018,  
33 Taiwan is Utah's third-largest export market in Asia;

34 WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act, which  
35 has been a cornerstone in the foundation of an enduring relationship between the United States  
36 and Taiwan. On this foundation, the United States and Taiwan have steadily developed  
37 relations throughout the years;

38 WHEREAS, the United States has recently reaffirmed the strength of its relationship  
39 with Taiwan through the National Defense Authorization Act for the 2019 Fiscal Year, through  
40 the Taiwan Travel Act, and by including Taiwan in the Global Entry Program. Each of these  
41 actions evidences that the partnership between the United States and Taiwan is as strong as it  
42 has ever been; and

43 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a member of the United States' Visa Waiver Program and the  
44 Global Entry program, reflecting the mutual friendship, trust, and cooperation both share,  
45 making business and tourist travel between Taiwan and the United States more convenient:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
47 State of Utah, on behalf of the people of the State of Utah, reaffirm the friendship between the  
48 State of Utah and Taiwan, and that the State of Utah continues to support efforts to further  
49 strengthen the United States' and Taiwan's religious, trade, educational, and cultural  
50 relationship.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to the United  
52 States secretary of state, each member of the Utah Congressional delegation, the Governor, and  
53 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco.