

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

31 WHEREAS, there are approximately 2,000 immigrants from Taiwan currently living
32 and working in Utah and around 200 students from Taiwan studying at universities throughout
33 the state;

34 WHEREAS, Utah and Taiwan maintain strong ties, including the establishment of a
35 sister-state relationship between Utah and Taiwan in 1980, a sister-county relationship between
36 Salt Lake County and Nantou County in 2008, and sister-city relationships between Salt Lake
37 City and Keelung in 1979, between Murray City and Chiayi City in 1988, and between West
38 Valley City and Nantou City in 2000;

39 WHEREAS, Governor Gary R. Herbert led a trade delegation to Taiwan in 2018 and
40 met with Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen to further strengthen economic and other ties between
41 Utah and Taiwan;

42 WHEREAS, Taiwan is Utah's sixth-largest trading partner and sixth-largest export
43 destination with Utah exporting more than \$712 million in goods to Taiwan annually, including
44 computers, electronic products, food, chemicals, and machinery;

45 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner and
46 Taiwan ranks as the United States' tenth-largest trading partner, with the United States and
47 Taiwan trading approximately \$81 billion of goods and services in 2019;

48 WHEREAS, the Asia-Pacific region is the largest market in the world for American
49 exports, many of Utah's exports go to markets in the Asia-Pacific region and, as of 2019,
50 Taiwan is Utah's third-largest export market in Asia;

51 WHEREAS, for decades Taiwan has helped commemorate the hard work and sacrifices
52 of Chinese railroad workers who helped build the first transcontinental railroad, completed at
53 Promontory Summit Utah, on May 10, ~~H→~~ [1896] 1869 ~~←H~~ ;

54 WHEREAS, 2019 marked the 40th anniversary of the Taiwan Relations Act. On this
55 foundation, the United States and Taiwan have steadily developed strong economic, cultural,
56 and other cooperative relations;

57 WHEREAS, proximate to the time the United States passed the Taiwan Relations Act,
58 it also established the American Institute in Taiwan. For 40 years, the institute has helped the