

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 145

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SYNOPSIS

Commemorates New Jersey-Taiwan sister state relationship and recognizes importance of strong and enduring relations between New Jersey and Taiwan.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** commemorating the New Jersey-
2 Taiwan sister state relationship and recognizing the importance
3 of a strong and enduring partnership between New Jersey and
4 Taiwan.

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6 **WHEREAS**, The United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan) are
7 bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, human rights,
8 the rule of law, and a free market economy; and

9 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey and Taiwan have enjoyed a close and
10 prosperous affiliation since 1989, when they entered into a sister
11 state relationship; and

12 **WHEREAS**, In 2019, New Jersey exported approximately \$460 million
13 worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the 5th largest export
14 market for the State in Asia, and both sides are committed to
15 strengthening bilateral economic ties; and

16 **WHEREAS**, More than 100 Taiwanese companies have invested in
17 New Jersey, including Formosa Plastic Corporation, Eva Air,
18 Evergreen Marine, Yang Mine Marine Transport, and AAEON
19 Electronics, Inc., all of which helped to create jobs in this State; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Individuals from Taiwan who have immigrated to this
21 country and to New Jersey have contributed greatly to the State's
22 diversity, thriving international culture, and economic development;
23 and

24 **WHEREAS**, Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner of the United
25 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$85.5 billion in 2019; and

26 **WHEREAS**, The United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan
27 Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral
28 relationship as well as to advance mutual security and commercial
29 interests between the United States and Taiwan; and

30 **WHEREAS**, The TRA has served as the cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan
31 relations and has helped to preserve peace and stability in the
32 Taiwan Strait; and

33 **WHEREAS**, The United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in
34 the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil
35 Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Criminal
36 Police Organization (INTERPOL), and will continue to support
37 Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other international
38 organizations; now, therefore,

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40 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the General Assembly of the State of New
41 Jersey:

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43 1. This House commemorates the New Jersey-Taiwan sister
44 state relationship, and recognizes the importance of a strong and
45 enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan, and
46 reiterates its support for a closer economic and trade partnership
47 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

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2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State, shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the President and Vice-President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) through the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York and to the Ambassador, Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York.

STATEMENT

11 This Assembly Resolution commemorates the New Jersey-
12 Taiwan sister state relationship, and recognizes the importance of a
13 strong and enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan,
14 and reiterates its support for a closer economic and trade
15 partnership between the United States and the Republic of China
16 (Taiwan).