

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 108

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 **A SENATE RESOLUTION** commemorating the New Jersey-Taiwan
2 sister state relationship and recognizing the importance of a
3 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 the shared commitment to democracy, human rights, the
8 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 New
17 Jersey, including Formosa Plastic Corporation, Eva Air, Evergreen
18 Marine, Yang Mine Marine Transport, and AAEON Electronics,
19 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 Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) has
27 expressed its wish to sign a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with
28 the United States, and such an agreement will ease the burden of
29 companies conducting cross-border business, facilitate legal
30 harmonization in the areas of digital trade, IP protection, and
31 technical barriers to trade, as well as help New Jersey's industries
32 gain better market access to Taiwan; and
33 **WHEREAS**, The United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan
34 Relation Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral relationship
35 as well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests
36 between the United States and Taiwan; and
37 **WHEREAS**, The TRA has served as the cornerstone of United States-
38 Taiwan relations and has helped to preserve peace and stability in
39 the Taiwan Strait; and
40 **WHEREAS**, The United States has assisted Taiwan in participating in
41 the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil
42 Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the International Criminal
43 Police Organization (INTERPOL), and will continue to support
44 Taiwan's meaningful participation in these and other international
45 organizations; now, therefore,
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47 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:*

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1 1. This House commemorates the New Jersey-Taiwan sister
2 state relationship, and recognizes the importance of a strong and
3 enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan, and
4 reiterates its support for a closer economic and trade partnership
5 between the United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan),
6 including the signing of the United States-Taiwan Bilateral Trade
7 Agreement.

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

STATEMENT

19 This Senate Resolution commemorates the New Jersey-Taiwan
20 sister state relationship, recognizes the importance of a strong and
21 enduring partnership between New Jersey and Taiwan, and reiterates
22 its support for a closer economic and trade partnership between the
23 United States and the Republic of China (Taiwan).