

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 10, 2024, as "National Day of the Republic  
2 of China (Taiwan)" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Republic of China was established in China in  
4 1912, and its government relocated to Taiwan in 1949; and

5 WHEREAS, The Republic of China has continued to exercise  
6 jurisdiction over the main island of Taiwan and a number of  
7 outlying islands since 1949, and it observes October 10 as its  
8 National Day; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan is a diverse, inclusive society, comprised of  
10 Han Chinese, indigenous Malayo-Polynesian peoples and immigrants  
11 from all over the world; and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwan's diverse ethnic groups enrich its culture,  
13 and Taiwan's multicultural history is reflected in its dialects,  
14 religions, education and artistic expressions; and

15 WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the Taiwan  
16 Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close bilateral  
17 relationship as well as to advance mutual security and

1 commercial interests between the United States and Taiwan, and  
2 the TRA, together with the Six Assurances stipulated by  
3 President Ronald Reagan in 1982, serves as the cornerstone of  
4 United States-Taiwan relations, preserving peace and stability  
5 in the Taiwan Strait; and

6 WHEREAS, Taiwan has become a resilient, peaceful and  
7 prosperous democracy, as it was ranked as the second-freest  
8 country in Asia by Freedom House in 2024 and shares common  
9 values such as freedom, peace and democracy with the United  
10 States; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan's mastery of advanced semiconductor  
12 manufacturing and its centrality to the artificial intelligence  
13 revolution play a crucial role in global supply chains; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan placed sixth in the IMD World Competitiveness  
15 Ranking and was the United States' eighth largest trade partner  
16 in 2023; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania and Taiwan have developed an enduring  
18 and mutually beneficial partnership that facilitates economic,  
19 scientific, educational, cultural and people-to-people  
20 exchanges; and

21 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania imported \$1.25 billion in goods from  
22 Taiwan and exported \$522 million to Taiwan in 2023 and reopened  
23 its trade and investment office in Taiwan in 2022, further  
24 enhancing the robust economic relationship between the two  
25 sides; and

26 WHEREAS, Both at home and abroad, the "National Day of the  
27 Republic of China (Taiwan)" is recognized as a celebration of  
28 its achievements in building a better society and strengthening  
29 its freedom, democracy, global competitiveness and economic  
30 stability, while continuing to preserve cross-strait peace and

1 stability; therefore be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize October  
3 10, 2024, as "National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan)" in  
4 Pennsylvania.