

A RESOLUTION

Supporting the bid of the Republic of China (Taiwan) to participate in the World Health Organization as an observer.

1 WHEREAS, the goal of the World Health Organization (WHO) is
2 "the attainment by all peoples of the highest possible level of
3 health"; and

4 WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) has been excluded
5 from participation in the WHO; and

6 WHEREAS, good health is a basic right for every citizen of
7 the world and access to the highest standards of health
8 information and services is necessary to help guarantee this
9 right; and

10 WHEREAS, wide-spread participation in international health
11 cooperation organizations, forums and programs by countries in all
12 parts of the world is crucial, especially with the ever-increasing
13 potential for the spread of various infectious diseases such as
14 Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) across national
15 boundaries; and

16 WHEREAS, Taiwan has the capability and has expressed its
17 willingness to provide financial and technical assistance to
18 health care activities around the world; and

19 WHEREAS, Taiwan's exclusion from the WHO creates a gap in the
20 global health network that seeks to ensure the health of the
21 people of the WHO member states, reduces its ability to
22 effectively share its health-related resources with the

1 international community, and denies its 23 million citizens access
2 to health information, technology and key medical supplies
3 available to citizens of the other 190 member countries of the
4 WHO; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan has requested the support of the Federated
6 States of Micronesia in its bid to achieve observer status in the
7 WHO, a bid that has been supported by the United States and the
8 European Parliament, among others; now, therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated
10 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2003, that the
11 Congress hereby extends its support to Taiwan in its bid to
12 participate in the World Health Organization as an observer;

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
15 of Micronesia, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and to the
16 Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

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18 Date: 5/13/03

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