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**RESOLUTION # EX2017-01**

**RESOLUTION ON STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMIC  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN**

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**WHEREAS**, the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the United States are long-standing friends with a shared historical relationship and the dearly cherished values of freedom, democracy, human rights, and rule of law; and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwan has become a multiparty democracy in which all citizens have the right to participate freely in the political process, as evidenced by Taiwan's six direct presidential elections that took place in 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwan is the 10th-largest trading partner of the United States, with bilateral trade in goods and services reaching close to \$90 billion in 2016, and the 7th-largest export destination for U.S. agricultural products, through bilateral trade and investment, creating more than 350,000 job opportunities in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Taiwan has been proven to be a valuable contributor in a broad range of global issues, and the United States has supported Taiwan's participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA) as an observer since 2009, and will continue supporting Taiwan's meaningful participation and substantive contributions to other international organizations such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL); and

**WHEREAS**, since President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan took office in 2016, more than half of the 50 state legislatures have passed resolutions in support of Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of a bilateral trade agreement with the United States as well as Taiwan's meaningful participation and positive contributions to international organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Regional Conference of The Council of State Governments (CSG/ERC) member jurisdictions, which include Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, have a long-standing friendly relationship with Taiwan;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the ERC member jurisdictions noted above support the development of an even closer economic relationship between the United States and Taiwan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the U.S. Secretary of State and to the United States Trade Representative.

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Uncasville, Connecticut**