

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to strengthening international relations with Taiwan.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** the United States and Taiwan have long enjoyed strong bilateral relations
4 encompassing trade, education, cultural exchanges, and tourism; and

5 **WHEREAS** Taiwan shares with the United States the core values of freedom,
6 democracy, human rights, the rule of law, peace, and prosperity; and

7 **WHEREAS** the United States is the second largest trading partner of Taiwan, and
8 Taiwan is the seventh largest trading partner of the United States, with trade totaling
9 \$128,000,000,000 in 2023; and

10 **WHEREAS** the United States is ranked as the 10th largest provider of high-quality
11 seafood to Taiwan, and the state's fishing industry is eager to strengthen trade relations with
12 Taiwan; and

13 **WHEREAS** the strong trade and investment partnership between the United States
14 and Taiwan serves as a foundation for advancing a mutually beneficial trade agreement that
15 fosters job creation, expands access to global markets, and strengthens international supply
16 chains; and

1 **WHEREAS** the state and Taiwan have maintained a sister-state relationship since
2 1988; and

3 **WHEREAS** the state and Taiwan enjoy close economic ties, with Taiwan being the
4 state's eighth largest export market in 2023 and the fourth largest market for the state in Asia;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS** mutually beneficial cultural exchanges and international cooperation
7 have been facilitated by the sister-city partnership between Fairbanks and Tainan City since
8 1983, the sister-city partnership between Juneau and Chiayi City since 1988, and the partner
9 city agreement between Anchorage and Taipei City since 1997; and

10 **WHEREAS** the establishment of an Alaska Trade Office in Taiwan would further
11 boost the volume of trade and export growth to Taiwan and other Asian markets, strengthen
12 the state's sister-state relationship with Taiwan, and increase collaboration in education,
13 technology, and cultural exchanges between the state and Taiwan; and

14 **WHEREAS** the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979 has fostered a close relationship
15 between the United States and Taiwan that has advanced the security and commercial
16 interests of both countries; and

17 **WHEREAS** the United States has actively supported Taiwan's participation in
18 international organizations, including the World Health Organization, the International Civil
19 Aviation Organization, and the International Criminal Police Organization and continues to
20 advocate for Taiwan's meaningful inclusion in these and other global institutions; and

21 **WHEREAS** Taiwan is a responsible and contributing member of the international
22 community that has provided significant assistance in response to natural disasters worldwide;

23 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature reaffirms the state's
24 commitment to strengthening and deepening its relationship with Taiwan; and be it

25 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports the resumption
26 of an Alaska Trade Office in Taiwan; and be it

27 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature supports expanding
28 educational exchanges between the state and Taiwan; and be it

29 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature advocates for Taiwan's
30 meaningful participation in international organizations that address global trade and promote
31 the health, safety, and the well-being of its 23,000,000 citizens; and be it

1 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature endorses a closer
2 economic and trade partnership between the United States and Taiwan, including the signing
3 of a trade agreement and tax agreement to promote mutual trade and investment.

4 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Mike Dunleavy, Governor
5 of Alaska; Daniel Kuo-ching Chen, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural
6 Office in Seattle; and the Honorable Lisa Murkowski and the Honorable Dan Sullivan, U.S.
7 Senators, and the Honorable Nick Begich, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska
8 delegation in Congress.