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Relating to strengthening international relations with Taiwan.

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

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

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

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

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

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

chains; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature advocates for Taiwan's meaningful participation in international organizations that address global trade and promote

the health, safety, and well-being of its 23,000,000 citizens; and be it

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

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