

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15—ASSEMBLYMEN DINI, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

MAY 31, 2001

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS JACOBSEN, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, PORTER, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Declared an Emergency Measure

SUMMARY—Urges President and Congress to support participation of Taiwan of Republic of China in World Health Organization. (BDR R-1536)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the President and the Congress of the United States to support the participation of Taiwan of the Republic of China in the World Health Organization.

- 1 WHEREAS, Good health is a basic right for every citizen of the world
- 2 and access to the highest standards of health information and services is
- 3 necessary to help guarantee this right; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Participation in international health programs is crucial to
- 5 world health as the potential for the spread of various infectious diseases
- 6 increases proportionately with the increase in world trade and travel; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The World Health Organization set forth in the first chapter
- 8 of its charter the objective of attaining the highest possible level of health
- 9 for all people; and



1 WHEREAS, In 1977, the World Health Organization established "Health
2 for All by the Year 2000" as its overriding priority and reaffirmed that
3 commitment in 1998 by endorsing a new global health policy "Health for
4 All in the 21st Century"; and

5 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 21 million is larger than three-
6 quarters of the member states already in the World Health Organization,
7 and the country shares the noble goals of that organization; and

8 WHEREAS, The achievements of Taiwan in the field of health are
9 substantial and include one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia,
10 maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of western
11 countries, the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox
12 and the plague, and the distinction of being the first country in the world to
13 provide children with free hepatitis B vaccinations; and

14 WHEREAS, Before its loss of membership in the World Health
15 Organization in 1972, Taiwan sent specialists to serve in other member
16 countries on countless health projects and its health experts held key
17 positions in the organization, all to the benefit of the entire Pacific region;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Presently, this remarkable country is not allowed to
20 participate in any forums and workshops organized by the World Health
21 Organization concerning the latest technologies in the diagnosis,
22 monitoring and control of disease; and

23 WHEREAS, In recent years, the government and the expert scientists and
24 doctors in the field of medicine of Taiwan have expressed a willingness to
25 assist financially or technically in international aid and health activities
26 supported by the World Health Organization, but these offers have
27 ultimately been refused; and

28 WHEREAS, According to the constitution of the World Health
29 Organization, Taiwan does not fulfill the criteria for membership; and

30 WHEREAS, Because the World Health Organization does not allow
31 observers to participate in the activities of the organization and
32 participation by Taiwan would bring tremendous benefits, it is in the best
33 interests of all persons in this world that Taiwan be admitted to the World
34 Health Organization; now, therefore, be it

35 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
36 JOINTLY, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature
37 do hereby urge President Bush and the Congress of the United States to
38 support all efforts made by Taiwan of the Republic of China to gain
39 meaningful participation in the World Health Organization; and be it
40 further

41 RESOLVED, That the policy of the United States should include the
42 pursuit of an initiative in the World Health Organization that would ensure
43 such participation; and be it further

44 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
45 a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice
46 President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the
47 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of Health and
48 Human Services, the World Health Organization, the Director General of



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- 1 the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in San Francisco and each
- 2 member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

