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2019 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 22

February 19, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives KULP, PLUMER, KITCHENS,
ALLEN and TRANEL. Referred to Committee on Rules.

AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

1 **Relating to:** reaffirming Wisconsin's commitment to the strengthening and
2 deepening of the sister ties between the State of Wisconsin and Taiwan;
3 supporting Taiwan's signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the
4 United States; and continued support for increasing Taiwan's international
5 profile.

6 Whereas, the State of Wisconsin established in 1986 the sister-state
7 relationship with the Taiwan Province, Republic of China (Taiwan), and Wisconsin
8 and Taiwan have enjoyed strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange,
9 and tourism; and

10 Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights,
11 the rule of law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and the State of
12 Wisconsin; and

13 Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner,
14 Taiwan ranks as the eleventh-largest trading partner of the United States, and
15 bilateral trade reached \$76.3 billion in 2018; and

1 Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Wisconsin have enjoyed a long and mutually
2 beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was
3 Wisconsin's eighth-largest export market in Asia in 2018, with \$197 million worth
4 of Wisconsin goods exported to Taiwan; and

5 Whereas, negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan
6 and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral
7 trade between our countries, thereby increasing Wisconsin's exports to Taiwan and
8 creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration through tariff reduction
9 and other trade facilitation measures; and

10 Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast diplomacy" in its
11 international relations, and Taiwan is capable of fulfilling and willing to fulfill its
12 responsibilities and collaborating with the world to deal with the challenges of
13 humanitarian aid, disease control, and so forth; now, therefore, be it

14 ***Resolved by the assembly, That*** the Wisconsin Legislature reaffirms its
15 commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the sister ties between the State
16 of Wisconsin and Taiwan; and, be it further

17 ***Resolved, That*** Wisconsin endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of
18 a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the United States and reiterates its support
19 for a closer economic and trade partnership between the State of Wisconsin and
20 Taiwan; and, be it further

21 ***Resolved, That*** Wisconsin continues to support Taiwan's appropriate
22 participation in international organizations that impact the health, safety, and
23 well-being of the people of Taiwan and supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more
24 contributions in international societies; and, be it further

1 **Resolved, That** the chief clerk of the Assembly is hereby directed to transmit
2 copies of this resolution to the members of the Wisconsin congressional delegation
3 and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

4 **(END)**