

CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The Republic of China (Taiwan) observes the 109th National Day on October 10th, 2020; and since the establishment of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami in 1988 and the consequent establishment of the sister-state and sister-city relations between the State and cities of Florida and Taiwan, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami has spared no efforts in the upholding of bilateral economic, cultural, and educational relations; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States and Taiwan have maintained and enhanced close friendship over the decades encompassing commercial, cultural, and other interactions based on the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act (Public Law 96-8 96th Congress), the cornerstone of the U.S.-Taiwan ties which celebrates the 41st anniversary of its enactment in 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan has been a member of the United States Visa Waiver Program since November 1st, 2012, reflecting the ever-closer cooperation between the United States and Taiwan and making travel for business and tourism between the two more convenient; and
- WHEREAS,** Dr. Tsai Ing-wen, the first female President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and democratically re-elected in 2020, was warmly welcomed in Miami on June 24th, 2016, further enhancing the bilateral relationship between Florida and Taiwan, as well as strengthening the common values it shares with the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** The launch of FORMOSAT-7/COSMIC-2 on June 25th, 2019, a joint U.S.-Taiwan collaborative space program of a constellation of six satellites designed to enhance the accuracy of atmospheric weather prediction, has demonstrated the mutual benefit born of U.S.-Taiwan relations; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan is the 9th largest trading partner of the United States and the 10th largest export market in the world for U.S. goods as of June of 2020, as well as Florida's 6th largest market in Asia, garnering the Sunshine State over 7,850 jobs and \$944.3 million in trade and investment ties in 2018. The establishment of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between the United States and Taiwan in order to strengthen further bilateral trade and economic ties is welcome; and
- WHEREAS,** Taiwan's bid for meaningful participation in numerous international organizations, including the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) would benefit regional development, peace, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a close strategic partner to the United States in East Asia with dynamic progress towards political democratization and economic liberalization, as well as the promotion of education, humanitarian aid, healthcare, environmental protections, technological innovation, and the advancement of basic human rights of life, liberty, and security; and

WHEREAS, To assist in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government and People of Taiwan has donated over 11.75 million medical masks to the United States through federal and local governments and from that amount, over 420,000 medical masks were donated in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan aspires to further contribute to international development and to promote peace and prosperity. We cherish our traditional cordial sister-state and sister-city relations with Taiwan and hope to further solidify them; and we recognize Taiwan's efforts in its aim to participate effectively and meaningfully in global affairs, we will continue to support her mission of economic liberalization, political democratization and significant participation in the international arena.

NOW, THEREFORE, I PAM TRIOLO, Mayor of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby recognize

OCTOBER 10, 2020

as

109TH NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lake Worth Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 6th day of October, 2020.

Pam Triolo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah M. Andrea, City Clerk