



# Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson  
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Viera, FL 32940

## Resolution/Award/Presentation

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E.2.

9/15/2020

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**Subject:**

Resolution recognizing Republic of China (Taiwan) National Day, District 2

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Dept/Office:**

District 2

**Requested Action:**

Passage of attached resolution.

**Summary Explanation and Background:**

**Clerk to the Board Instructions:**

Please frame.



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September 16, 2020

**M E M O R A N D U M**

TO: Commissioner Bryan Andrew Lober, District 2      Attn: Robert (Fritz) Vanvolkenburgh

RE: Item E.2., Resolution Recognizing Republic of China (Taiwan) National Day

The Board of Commissioners, in regular session on September 15, 2020, adopted Resolution No. 20-114 recognizing Republic of China (Taiwan) National Day. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

### Resolution

WHEREAS, the Republic of China (Taiwan) observes the 109<sup>th</sup> National Day on October 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, 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 96<sup>th</sup> Congress), the cornerstone of the U.S. - Taiwan ties which celebrates the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of its enactment in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has been a member of the United States Visa Waiver Program since November 1, 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 24, 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 25, 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 in the 9<sup>th</sup> largest trading partner of the United States and the 10<sup>th</sup> largest export market in the world for U.S. goods as of June of 2020, as well as Florida's 6<sup>th</sup> largest market in Asia, garnering the Sunshine State over 7,850 jobs and \$944.3 million in trade and investment ties in 2018; and

WHEREAS, 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 as of mid- 2020, of which 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 and 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, and will continue to support her mission of economic liberalization, political democratization and significant participation in the international arena.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim its recognition on this auspicious occasion of the 109<sup>th</sup> National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and her achievements with admiration and gratitude.

DONE, ORDERED, AND ADOPTED in regular session, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

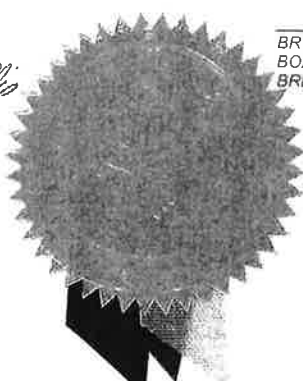
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BRYAN ANDREW LOBERI, CHAIR  
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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA