

SENATE RESOLUTION

8612

By Senators Honeyford, Braun, Brown, Dhingra, Ericksen, Fortunato, Hasegawa, King, Mullet, Muzzall, Rivers, Salomon, Schoesler, Wagoner, Warnick, Wilson, J., and Wilson, L.

1       WHEREAS, The people of the State of Washington and the people of  
2 Taiwan are bonded by their shared commitment to democracy, human  
3 rights, the rule of law, and a free market economy; and

4       WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 10th largest trading partner of the United  
5 States, with bilateral trade totaling \$85.5 billion in 2019; and

6       WHEREAS, In 2019, Washington State exported approximately \$1.8  
7 billion worth of products to Taiwan, making Taiwan the 4th largest  
8 export market for the state in Asia; and

9       WHEREAS, Taiwan is the 6th largest export destination for United  
10 States agricultural goods, and has ranked among the top three  
11 importers of Washington apples, beef, and wheat; and

12       WHEREAS, Taiwanese companies that invest in Washington State,  
13 including WaferTech, Eva Air, Evergreen Marine, Yang Mine Marine  
14 Transport, and Lightel Technologies, and others, have helped to  
15 create more than 15,000 jobs in this state; and

16       WHEREAS, The United States Congress passed the landmark Taiwan  
17 Relation Act in 1979 to sustain a close, bilateral relationship as  
18 well as to advance mutual security and commercial interests between  
19 the United States and Taiwan; and

20       WHEREAS, Taiwan has a strong economy and the people of Taiwan are  
21 dedicated to democratic freedoms; and

1           WHEREAS, The United States government has expressed views  
2 similar to those of the people of Taiwan before various  
3 international bodies and organizations; and

4           WHEREAS, Taiwan is one of the world's biggest suppliers of  
5 medical-grade masks and one of the few places to have  
6 successfully battled back COVID-19; and

7           WHEREAS, The people of Taiwan generously donated more than  
8 2,000,000 medical face masks to the people of the United States  
9 in the early days of the pandemic, including 100,000 masks for  
10 use by medical personnel, first responders, and election staff  
11 workers, which were delivered to the State of Washington on  
12 behalf of the Taiwanese people and received by Washington  
13 Secretary of State Kim Wyman on May 8th; and

14           WHEREAS, The people of Washington recognize the importance  
15 of a strong and enduring partnership with the people of Taiwan;

16           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
17 Senate honor the historic trade partnership, the continued  
18 cooperative relationship, and the enduring mutual appreciation  
19 and affection of our peoples.

20 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
21 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
22 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8612,  
23 adopted by the Senate  
24 April 8, 2021

25 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
26 Secretary of the Senate