NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES OF STATE
U.S.-TAIWAN FREE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS RESOLUTION

Adopted on July 24, 2005
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WHEREAS, The U.S. and Taiwan enjoy a deep partnership built upon a shared commitment to democracy and free market principles; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. and Taiwan have a vibrant trade relationship with almost $50 billion in annual two-way trade; and

WHEREAS, the Taiwanese market is a key priority for state export promotion programs, with 14 states maintaining trade offices in Taipei; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) and the Institute for International Economics (IIE) estimate that a U.S.– Taiwan Free Trade Agreement would increase U.S. exports to Taiwan by $3 - 6 billion; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan has implemented new protections for intellectual property, including stricter copyright laws, in response to input received from the U.S. government and other trade partners; and

WHEREAS, There is strong, bipartisan support for initiating free trade negotiations within Congress.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association of Secretaries of State encourages the United States Trade Representative to pursue free trade negotiations with Taiwan, consistent with U.S. foreign policy interests and the labor and environmental conditions included in the Trade Promotion Authority granted to U.S.T.R. by Congress.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Association of Secretaries of State encourages the Office of the United States Trade Representative to work closely with American state governments in pursuing these negotiations given the strong linkages between Taiwan and American states.

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