



1 revitalization of the global supply chain as part of the post-coronavirus pandemic economic  
2 recovery; and

3 WHEREAS, Taiwan is committed to helping address global challenges, from  
4 humanitarian crises to nontraditional security threats, emerging this year as an important  
5 partner in pandemic prevention, providing surgical masks and other PPE to more than eighty  
6 countries around the world, including one hundred thirty-five thousand surgical masks from  
7 the Taiwan government and Taiwan-affiliated private groups to the state and cities of  
8 Louisiana; and

9 WHEREAS, the Taiwan Model has been admired around the world for its effective  
10 pandemic prevention and containment, bolstering unprecedented international support for  
11 Taiwan's bid to participate in the World Health Assembly (WHA); and

12 WHEREAS, Taiwanese officials and civil society groups partner with the United  
13 States on an array of issues to promote our common values of freedom, democracy, and  
14 human rights; and

15 WHEREAS, in March 2020, Taiwan joined with the United States to establish the  
16 Partnership against Coronavirus, building on the cooperative tradition of prior joint  
17 partnerships such as the Global Cooperation and Training Framework (GCTF), which  
18 advances Taiwanese leadership in such arenas as democratization, human rights, women's  
19 empowerment, and public health; and

20 WHEREAS, since 1985, Louisiana and Taiwan have maintained a sister state  
21 relationship, enjoying particularly close economic ties, wherein Taiwanese firms have  
22 invested billions of dollars in a broad spectrum of Louisiana businesses, making Taiwan  
23 Louisiana's ninth largest foreign market in Asia; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2019, Taiwan imported nearly \$3.65 billion in commodities from  
25 Louisiana including petroleum products, chemicals, primary metal manufacturing, and  
26 agricultural products, and Louisiana imported over \$1.27 billion in Taiwanese goods,  
27 primarily electronics, metal products, transportation equipment, and industrial  
28 machinery; and

29 WHEREAS, FG LA LLC, a group owned by Taiwanese company Formosa Plastics,  
30 is investing in and received proper state permits to construct a new petrochemical facility

