



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 7

February 15, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives PLUMER, TRANEL, NOVAK, ALLEN, KITCHENS, MAGNAFICI, ARMSTRONG, SKOWRONSKI, TITTL, KERKMAN, MOSES, TUSLER, MURPHY, TAUCHEN, DALLMAN, SPIROS, SUMMERFIELD, KRUG, EDMING and BALDEH, cosponsored by Senators MARKLEIN and BALLWEG. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** reaffirming Wisconsin's commitment to the strengthening and  
2            deepening of the sister ties between the State of Wisconsin and Taiwan;  
3            supporting Taiwan's signing of a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the  
4            United States; and continued support for increasing Taiwan's international  
5            profile.

6            Whereas, the State of Wisconsin established in 1986 the sister-state  
7            relationship with the Taiwan Province, Republic of China (Taiwan), and Wisconsin  
8            and Taiwan have enjoyed strong bilateral trade, educational and cultural exchange,  
9            and tourism; and

10           Whereas, Taiwan shares the same values of freedom, democracy, human rights,  
11           the rule of law, peace, and prosperity with the United States and the State of  
12           Wisconsin; and

13           Whereas, the United States ranks as Taiwan's second-largest trading partner,  
14           Taiwan ranks as the tenth-largest trading partner of the United States, and  
15           bilateral trade reached \$85.5 billion in 2019; and

1           Whereas, Taiwan and the State of Wisconsin have enjoyed a long and mutually  
2           beneficial relationship with the prospect of future growth, and Taiwan was  
3           Wisconsin's seventh-largest export market in Asia in 2019, with nearly \$225 million  
4           worth of Wisconsin goods exported to Taiwan; and

5           Whereas, negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) between Taiwan  
6           and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening bilateral  
7           trade between our countries, thereby increasing Wisconsin's exports to Taiwan and  
8           creating bilateral investment and technical collaboration through tariff reduction  
9           and other trade facilitation measures; and

10          Whereas, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of "steadfast diplomacy" in its  
11          international relations, and Taiwan is capable of fulfilling and willing to fulfill its  
12          responsibilities and collaborating with the world to deal with the challenges of  
13          humanitarian aid, disease control, and so forth; now, therefore, be it

14                 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
15          Legislature reaffirms its commitment to the strengthening and deepening of the  
16          sister ties between the State of Wisconsin and Taiwan; and, be it further

17                 ***Resolved, That*** Wisconsin endorses Taiwan's efforts to secure the signing of  
18          a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) with the United States and reiterates its support  
19          for a closer economic and trade partnership between the State of Wisconsin and  
20          Taiwan; and, be it further

21                 ***Resolved, That*** Wisconsin continues to support Taiwan's appropriate  
22          participation in international organizations that impact the health, safety, and  
23          well-being of the people of Taiwan and supports Taiwan's aspiration to make more  
24          contributions in international societies; and, be it further

