

**Resolution to Celebrate 35 Years of Diplomatic Ties with Democratic Taiwan  
Motion, 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024, marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Belize and the Republic of China (Taiwan);

**AND WHEREAS**, Belize and Taiwan enjoy cordial relationship and share the common values of democracy, freedom, and human rights;

**AND WHEREAS**, throughout the 35 years of friendship and alliance, Belize and Taiwan have continuously supported each other and closely cooperated in areas of mutual interests, including climate change, health, agriculture, education and gender equality;

**AND WHEREAS**, all bilateral cooperation projects between Belize and Taiwan, including infrastructure development, enhancing digital literacy and accessibility, agricultural development, urban resilience and disaster prevention, metabolic chronic disease prevention, women empowerment, mandarin teaching and talent cultivation are currently proceeding smoothly;

**AND WHEREAS**, following the successful state visit of H.E. Dr. Tsai IngWen, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan), to Belize in early April, 2023, further strengthened and expanded cooperation between the governments of Taiwan and Belize in infrastructure and medical care, low-income housing, and renovation of the National Assembly building, showcasing the strong partnership of the two nations;

**AND WHEREAS**, Taiwan not only is a faithful ally and development partner of Belize, but can contribute to addressing global challenges, making it a valuable member of the global community;

**AND WHEREAS**, on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Taiwan successfully concluded a smooth and well-conducted Presidential and Legislative election, demonstrating once again the strength of Taiwan's robust democratic system and electoral process;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Honourable John Briceño, Prime Minister of Belize, lead a delegation to attend the inauguration of H.E. Dr. Lai Ching-Te as the new President of the Republic of China (Taiwan) on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024, demonstrating the commitment and support of the Government of Belize to the Government and People of the Republic of China (Taiwan);

**AND WHEREAS**, Belize, as a steadfast partner, continuously and unwaveringly supports Taiwan in safeguarding its democracy and freedom, as well as the self-determination for Taiwanese people, in the face of potential military, political and economic coercion and hegemonic threats from the People's Republic of China (PRC);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House:

Celebrates the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Belize and Taiwan and extends its commitment to the strong partnership and close bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interests;

Congratulates Taiwan's successful democratic election and the inauguration of Dr. Lai Ching-Te, the new President of the Republic of China (Taiwan), and reaffirms solidarity to stand with the people and government of Taiwan to safeguard Taiwan's democracy, freedom, human rights and self-determination, critical to maintaining peace, stability and prosperity across the Taiwan Strait and in the region;

Expresses its full support for Taiwan's participation in ALL related international organizations, including the United Nations, the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be presented to President Lai Ching-Te of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and to the office of the Prime Minister of Belize as a tangible token of the friendship expressed herein.