

**ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Charlotte, North Carolina
August 29, 30, 31, 2023**

Resolution No. 17: Policy on Taiwan

Origin: Texas

**Submitted by: Convention Committee on National Security
(As Amended)**

WHEREAS, The Republic of China (Taiwan) is a long-time friend, ally, and key partner of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan closely cooperated with the United States against Japanese imperialism during World War II and in the fight against communism during the Cold War; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Taiwan share democratic values, deep commercial and economic ties, and strong people-to-people connections, which serve as the impetus for expanding engagement by the United States with Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is strategically located and is extremely important to the peace, prosperity, and stability of the Indo-Pacific Region; and

WHEREAS, The People's Republic of China (PRC) is consistently building up its military capabilities and flexing its muscles in the East China Sea, South China Sea, and most aggressively in the Taiwan Strait; and

WHEREAS, The PRC is continuously blocking Taiwan's participation in international affairs; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of all parties on both sides of the Taiwan Strait to resolve political differences peacefully; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the eighth-largest trading partner of the United States, and the United States is the second-largest trading partner of Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, The United States and Taiwan initiated trade negotiations in August 2022 called the U.S.-Taiwan Initiative on 21st-Century Trade with the goal being to create trade agreements that will strengthen and deepen economic and trade ties between the United States and Taiwan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 29, 30, 31, 2023, That The American Legion encourages the creation of new trade agreements that will strengthen and deepen economic and trade ties between the United States and Taiwan; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the United States strongly advocate for the full membership of Taiwan in the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and other international organizations; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the United States should continue to take all necessary measures to boost Taiwan's self-defense capabilities to deter possible aggression by the People's Republic of China; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the United States should encourage the parties on both sides of the Taiwan Strait: the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the People's Republic of China, to promote peaceful dialogue and avoid any unilateral change of the status quo which might lead to military conflict.