



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States are longstanding allies who deeply cherish the common values of freedom, democracy, human rights and the rule of Law; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is an active member in the international community with a long history of commitment to international health and humanitarian aid as well as environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Tsai Ing-wen was elected as the 14th President of Taiwan, becoming the first female president in the country's history, and along with her Vice President Chen Chien-jen, she hopes to continue to build the country's already rich tradition of economic vitality, cultural growth and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is the United States' 11th largest trading partner and its 15th largest export market in the world, and the United States is Taiwan's second-largest trading partner; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 40th anniversary of the US Congress's passage of the Taiwan Relations Act, a crucial milestone in Taiwan and the United States' excellent relations; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan supports more than 370,000 well-paid jobs in the United States, and the bilateral trade relationship between Taiwan and the United States is both mutually beneficial and highly productive; and

WHEREAS, since 1983, Taiwan and Alabama have enjoyed long, cordial, and mutually beneficial sister-state relations

WHEREAS, this friendship continues to strengthen in the passing years, with Alabama importing \$221.80 million in products from Taiwan and exporting \$122.62 million in products to Taiwan in 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2019, as

Republic of China (Taiwan) Day

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 27th day of September 2019.

Kay Ivey

Kay Ivey, Governor