



## **Republican National Committee**

**Counsel's Office**

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TAIWAN'S PEACE INITIATIVE IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA**

WHEREAS, the 2012 Republican Party Platform salutes “the people of Taiwan, a sound democracy and economic model for mainland China” and states that the United States and Taiwan are “united in our shared belief in fair elections, personal liberty, and free enterprise;” and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Republican Party Platform further expresses the Republican Party's opposition to “any unilateral steps by either side to alter the status quo in the Taiwan Straits on the principle that all issues regarding the island's future must be resolved peacefully, through dialogue, and be agreeable to the people of Taiwan;” and

WHEREAS, the 2012 Republican Party Platform takes note of Communist China's “destabilizing claims in the South China Sea” and the United States’ “serious trade disputes” with the regime; and

WHEREAS, China continues to undertake menacing maneuvers and attempts to implement pernicious policies in the South China Sea to the detriment of our friend and ally Taiwan and other democratic nations with territorial interests in the region of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, while the Administration of President Barack Obama has condemned China's “destabilizing, unilateral actions” in the South China Sea, “Beijing is showing no intention of changing its ways;” and

WHEREAS, Taiwan, under the leadership of President Ma Ying-jeou, has proposed an East China Sea Peace Initiative that, while reiterating Taiwan's sovereignty over its affected territories, calls for all parties to the disputes to exercise restraint, reduce tensions, work jointly and peacefully to develop the region economically, observe international law, and establish of a code of conduct in the region that the United States and the European Union support in principle and that Taiwan now seeks to apply to the ongoing South China Sea dispute; therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee repeats its steadfast and honorable support of Taiwan, including defense of its freedom and democratic republic and calls upon President

Obama and his Administration to approve increased and immediate sales of U.S. weaponry, including submarines as well as advanced fighter aircraft, to Taiwan; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, the Republican National Committee commends Taiwan, under the leadership of President Ma, for its East China Sea Peace Initiative, which will promote peace and stability by providing political and economic cooperation and common ground for all parties and bringing economic vitality to a troubled zone, and calls upon President Obama and his Administration to encourage all claimants to include Taiwan in regional dialogue and discussions regarding a code of conduct for the South China Sea dispute; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, that upon the approval of this resolution, the Republican National Committee shall deliver a copy of this resolution to each of the Republican members of Congress, the Republican Governors Association, all Republican candidates for Congress, and to each Republican state and territorial party office.

*\*As adopted by the Republican National Committee on August 8, 2014.*