



**RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENT TSAI ING-WEN AS  
THE FIRST FEMALE HEAD OF STATE IN TAIWAN'S HISTORY**

**WHEREAS**, President Tsai Ing-wen, who does not come from a political family, won a landslide victory in the Presidential election in January 16, 2016 and was inaugurated on May 20 as the first female president of the Republic of China (Taiwan); and

**WHEREAS**, President Tsai has impressive and comprehensive political experience, including serving as Chief Legal Advisor for the Bureau of Foreign Trade at the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) from 1992 to 2000, Minister of the Mainland Affairs Council from 2000 to 2004, National Policy Adviser to the president from 2004 to 2005, Legislator-at-large from 2005 to 2006, and Vice Premier from January 2006 to May 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, with her international trade expertise, President Tsai played a key role in enhancing U.S.-Taiwan economic relations and boosting Taiwan's economic transformation. As Chief Legal Advisor at MOEA, she contributed to the signing of the Taiwan-U.S. Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA), which has served as an important mechanism for both Taiwan and the United States to resolve bilateral trade issues since 1994. She also stood on the front lines in the key negotiations for Taiwan's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO) in 2002; and

**WHEREAS**, having earned the trust of the Taiwanese people by garnering 56 percent of the vote in the 2016 election, President Tsai begins the journey of reform by transforming economic structures, strengthening the social safety net, enhancing social fairness and justice, maintaining regional stability and peace, and properly managing the cross-Strait relations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the National Federation of Democratic Women is proud to recognize President Tsai Ing-wen as the first female president of the Republic of China (Taiwan), acknowledges her dedication to peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and wishes her great success as she continues to pursue multi-faceted exchanges with South East Asian countries and the United States of American by reopening and strengthening relationships with these countries and throughout the global community.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that President Tsai Ing-wen's election as the first female president of Taiwan is a wonderful example of the importance of working towards increasing the number of women who hold public office at all levels across cultures and across the globe.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the National Federation of Democratic Women will forward a copy of this resolution to President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan, Barack Obama, President of the United States, and to members of Congress.

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