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Declaration of Taiwan Autonomous Government

In her decision for *Lin v United States*, Judge Janice Rogers Brown acknowledged that:

A. “America and China’s tumultuous relationship over the past sixty years has trapped the inhabitants of Taiwan in political purgatory.”

B. “During this time the people on Taiwan have lived without any uniformly recognized government.”

C. “In practical terms, this means they have uncertain status in the world community which infects the population’s day-to-day lives.”

1) On April 25, 2013, a group of concerned Taiwanese formally announced the establishment of the Taiwan Autonomous Government, following international legal procedures, on the basis of the 1952 San Francisco Peace Treaty, the 1952 Treaty of Taipei, the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, and the United States Constitution.

On March 25, 2014, the United States House Foreign Affairs Committee unanimously reaffirmed the importance of the Taiwan Relations Act. In the words of Congressman Alan Grayson, “we can and should support the Taiwanese desire for self-determination.”

On April 3, 2014, Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that “Strong United States support for Taiwan autonomy helps give our friends in Taiwan the confidence to strengthen their cross-Strait relations.”

The people of Taiwan have suffered tremendously over the last 70 years, beginning with the 228 Massacre followed by the White Terror and 38 years of martial law. Even now, the mass media, education, and national resources are still controlled by the mainlander-dominated Republic of China (ROC) regime-in-exile, which continues to oppress the Taiwanese people through deception and intimidation.

But now, the Taiwanese people have finally woken up. They refuse to continue to be oppressed. They want a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. They yearn for genuine democracy and genuine freedom.

2) The ROC was established in 1912, and its constitution written in 1946. At both times Taiwan was ruled by Japan—not the ROC. The ROC regime-in-exile therefore has no right to rule Taiwan, nor does its constitution apply to Taiwan.

3) The ROC regime-in-exile has time and again responded to Taiwanese civic movements with violence, whether through the state apparatus or criminal proxies. If the ROC regime-in-exile does so again now, it will be responsible for the consequences.

4) The Kingdom of Tungning and the Republic of Formosa show that the Taiwanese people have fought for—and won—their freedom before. We call upon the people of Taiwan to join us in doing so once again.

5) A free and secure Taiwan will contribute to peace and stability in Asia, and the world. The Taiwan Autonomous Government therefore appeals to the international community—most of all fellow democracies—for recognition and support. The Taiwan Autonomous Government will uphold the highest standard of democracy, freedom, and human rights. We will build a Taiwan of the people, by the people, and for the people, in the spirit of the *Ten Commandments*, the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, the *Mayflower Compact*, the *Declaration of Independence*, and the *Constitution of the United States*.

Chairman Nieco Tsai
Premier Gavin Tsai

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The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gavin Tsai". Below the signature is a circular blue ink stamp. The stamp contains the text "TAIWAN GOVERNMENT" at the top, "THE GREAT SEAL OF THE GOVERNMENT" at the bottom, and "IN GOD WE TRUST" in the center. In the center of the stamp is a map of Taiwan with a blue star on it.