RESOLUTION 12-08

SUBJECT: Support for the Republic of China on Taiwan

WHEREAS, the Republic of China on Taiwan is a long-time friend, ally, and seventh largest trading partner of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a strategically located island and is extremely important to the peace, prosperity, and stability of the Pacific Rim; and

WHEREAS, the Republic of China maintains a strong and well-trained military force, has extensive air and naval facilities and, therefore, is a vital link in the Pacific defense chain; and

WHEREAS, the People’s Republic of China has never renounced the use of force to integrate the Republic of China into its communist system and government and this threat remains substantial: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, AMVETS supports and encourages the democratic process in Taiwan, and encourages the President of the United States to promote peaceful dialogue and avoid any actions which could lead to military conflict; and be it further

RESOLVED, that AMVETS supports the continued promotion of educational and cultural relationships and exchanges between the United States and the Republic of China.