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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF GUAM

RE:) Supreme Court of Guam
RELATIVE TO RESCINDING) Administrative Order No. ADM20-240
AND TERMINATING THE)
JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM)
COVID-19 RESPONSE)
DIFFERENTIAL PAY POLICY)
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On April 16, 2020, the Judicial Council of Guam approved the Judiciary’s Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Differential Pay Policy in Judicial Council Resolution No. 20-012, which adopted in large part the COVID-19 Response Differential Pay Policy for the executive branch established in Executive Order 2020-08. Judicial Council Resolution No. 20-012 further conditioned retroactive application of the Policy on enactment of legislation approving such retroactivity. On April 30, 2020, *I Maga’hågan Guåhan* issued Executive Order 2020-11, extending the public health emergency set to expire on May 5, 2020, for an additional thirty days. This court, in like response to the public health emergency, issued a series of administrative orders, the most recent of which – Administrative Order No. ADM20-239 -- extended the closure of the Judiciary of Guam for non-essential operations and proceedings until June 5, 2020.

On April 28, 2020, *I Maga’håga* vetoed Bill 326, An Act Relative to Compensating Essential Employees Retroactively with COVID-19 Response Differential Pay Consistent With Executive 2020-08. In her veto message, *I Maga’håga* said under Bill 326, as drafted, front liners and other essential employees would be entitled to both double pay and the COVID-19 differential pay initially established by Executive Order 2020-08 and that the legislature voted on the measure without the benefit of information that the public health emergency would be extended. Under



