

**BEFORE THE 2007 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC 07-003**

**RELATIVE TO RATIFICATION OF COUNCIL'S DECISION TO APPROVE FISCAL
YEAR 2007 BUDGET INCREASE FOR ERICA'S HOUSE**

- WHEREAS,** a one-year contract was executed between the Judiciary and Soroptomists International of the Marianas on November 17, 2004 to cover fiscal year 2005 whereby a visitation center, known as Erica's House, would be operated by the Soroptomists in exchange for payment of \$100,000 as budgeted by this Council and as appropriated from the Safe Streets Fund by the Guam Legislature; and
- WHEREAS,** such contract was renewable on an annual basis subject to availability of funds; and
- WHEREAS,** such contract was renewed to cover fiscal year 2006 at the same budgeted amount of \$100,000; and
- WHEREAS,** such contract was renewed to cover fiscal year 2007 at the same budgeted amount of \$100,000; and
- WHEREAS,** the Guam Legislature approved the Judiciary's fiscal year 2007 budget request that \$140,000 be appropriated from the Safe Streets Fund to provide for the visitation center in order to provide funding to the Judiciary to offset the expense of security it regularly provides to the visitation center; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Nancy Tan, Ms. Karen Carpenter and Ms. Monica Taimanglo from the Soroptomists and Erica's House attended the November 30, 2006 Council meeting regarding its expenses for fiscal year 2007 and its \$100,000 budgeted amount; and
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Tan requested an increase in the Council's Erica's House budget for fiscal year 2007 from \$100,000 to \$107,000 to cover the increased expenses the center has become burdened by for equipment, power and the increased cost of fuel; and
- WHEREAS,** the Administrator of the Courts informed the Council that the Judiciary will be able to reconfigure its resources in order to address and accommodate the request of Erica's House and thus recommended that the budget of Erica's House be increased from \$100,000 to \$107,000; and
- WHEREAS,** the Council voted unanimously to approve an increase to the Erica's House budget from \$100,000 to \$107,000 for fiscal year 2007;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the unanimous vote of the Council at its regularly scheduled meeting of November 30, 2006 to increase Erica's House budget from \$100,000 to \$107,000 for fiscal year 2007 is **HEREBY RATIFIED AND APPROVED.**

DULY ADOPTED this 18th day of January, 2007 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.



F. PHILIP CARBULLIDO, Chairman

Date: January 19, 2007

ATTEST:


ANNABELLE C. MAJILLO, Secretary

Date: January 19, 2007