



**BEFORE THE 2009 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC 09-016**

RELATIVE TO DECLARATION OF OCTOBER 2009 AS FAMILY VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, every year, our community recognizes the importance of raising awareness of the issues involving family violence, such as

- Education of the community of the causes and cycles of family violence in Guam's homes;
- Awareness of the rights of individuals to be free from domestic violence;
- Provide responsible treatment options for family violence offenders;
- Provide awareness of the safe shelters for victims of family violence;
- Support programs of the Judiciary and of Guam's entire law enforcement community that raise awareness of the danger of family violence;
- Celebrate the programs currently in effect to raise awareness and stop incidents of family violence, such as "THRIVE" and the Silent Witness Program;
- Knowledge throughout the community of the Family Violence Diversion Program as a prong in the Judiciary's trend toward Restorative Justice;
- Provide access to treatment for contributing factors, such as substance abuse; and
- To engage the entire community in the recovery of Guam and the healing of those who have suffered the worst consequences of family violence.

WHEREAS, to reach the goals of increasing public awareness and participation in preventing family violence,

NOW THEREFORE, the Judicial Council does hereby proclaim the month of October, 2009, to be Family Violence Awareness Month. The Judicial Council, on behalf of the Judiciary of Guam, together with the Guam Bar Association, urge the citizens, schools, businesses, legal professionals, and media of Guam to observe and participate in the events planned in October 2009 that will bring attention to this community issue.

DULY ADOPTED this 17th day of September, 2009 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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