

**BEFORE THE 2010 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM**

**RESOLUTION NO. JC 10-021**

**RELATIVE TO APPROVING THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM  
FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Judiciary of Guam has spent the last several years developing a Facilities Master Plan (the "Master Plan") to address current and future needs of the independent third branch of government, the Judicial Branch, relating to expanding the capacity of the Judiciary and improving the efficient delivery of services to the residents of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Judiciary of Guam presented the Master Plan to various Guam Legislative Committees and members, the Executive Branch, and stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Judiciary of Guam incorporated valuable information from the Environmental Impact Statement of the Relocation of Marine Bases from Okinawa after careful analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Judicial Council of Guam has opted to support Alternative "B", which includes the expansion of capacity for the existing Hagåtña Judicial Center and the construction of a northern courthouse in the Master Plan, as a guide for future facilities project initiatives, and

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations set forth in the Master Plan are based on sound research conducted by the National Center of State Courts (NCSC) and by Dr. Catherine Lutz of Brown University, both of whom considered national standards as well as the expected population boom that will occur over the next few years;

**WHEREAS**, The Judicial Council commends the members of the Master Plan team for their outstanding vision and planning, and finds that the final Master Plan is suitable for adoption by the Judicial Council at this time.

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon review of the materials presented in support of the adoption of the Judiciary Master Plan, it is hereby **AFFIRMED** that the Judiciary Master Plan is adopted and approved effective the dates signed hereunder.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010 at a duly-noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.



**ROBERT J. TORRES, JR.**, Chairman

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JOLEEN F. RESPICIO**, Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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