



**BEFORE THE 2011 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC11-011**

RELATIVE TO GRANTING THE 2011 HUSTISIA AWARD TO SISTER BRIGID PEREZ, R.S.M.

WHEREAS, as a regular part of its annual Law Week, the Judiciary of Guam presents the Hustisia Award, an award recognizing a member of our community who has made an outstanding contribution to strengthening the rule and role of law throughout our island community; and

WHEREAS, in considering the four criteria used in determining worthy recipients, to-wit: (1) promotion of a better understanding of the rule of law; (2) encouraging a greater respect for law and the courts; (3) generating a sense of civic responsibility, and (4) contributing to good government in the island, it is the pleasure of the Judicial Council and the bench of Guam recognize Sister Brigid Perez for this honor; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, in recognition of the need for a shelter for battered and abused spouses and families, Catholic Social Services established the "Alee Shelter," using the nautical term for "shelter from a storm;" and

WHEREAS, from July 22, 2003, Sister Brigid Perez of the Religious Sisters of Mercy has been the Program Director of Alee Shelter, a steady hand guiding this critical and difficult mission, bringing the following gifts to the job: Thirty years of service committed to the economically underprivileged and poor, including women and children who become ensnared in cycles of violence; lifetime commitment and solidarity with women seeking equal and meaningful participation in the Catholic faith, and a career modeled after Sisters of Mercy Founder Catherine McAuley, whose passion for the poor was far-reaching; and

WHEREAS, Sister Brigid Perez has served with many community organizations involved in improving lives for victims; for instance, service as a member of the Family Violence Sexual Assault Task Force and the Coalition for Family Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and

WHEREAS, Sister Brigid Perez also demonstrates a firm commitment to the Justice community by participating in the all of the Judiciary's annual law fairs, Silent Witness Celebrations, and by serving on Presiding Judge Lamorena's current Domestic Violence Task Force for improving court delivery of services in domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, Sister Brigid Perez has been a model of compassion in her lifelong dedication to those who are victimized by humans so broken that they inflict physical, psychological and sexual violence. Her capacity to receive the hurt and wounded with loving arms, to prop them up and keep them going, has been of incalculable worth to our community and our own spirits, and she highly deserves to be recognized as valued member of our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the in recognition of Law Week 2011, themed "The Legacy of John Adams," celebrating advocacy of those whom John Adams called the "friendless and feeble," the 2011 Hustisia Award be given Sister Brigid Perez, R.S.M., proud Sister of Mercy and cherished member of our justice community.

DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2011 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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