



BEFORE THE 2011 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM  
RESOLUTION NO. JC 11-024

RELATIVE TO THANKING CHIEF JUSTICE MIGUEL S. DEMAPAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, FOR HIS ASSISTANCE TO THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2011, the CNMI Judiciary announced the retirement of the Honorable Miguel S. Demapan, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, effective September 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Demapan dedicated his life to public service in the Commonwealth of the highest order, quietly contributing to the betterment of the CNMI and the rule of law,

WHEREAS, this Saipan native, who graduated as class valedictorian of Marianas High School in 1971, having earned his Bachelor of Science in 1975, his Masters in Business Administration in 1983, and his Juris Doctorate in 1985; and

WHEREAS, on his return to Saipan, Chief Justice Demapan embarked on a legal career in private practice and as corporate counsel. He was thereafter appointed to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Superior Court trial bench. In 1998, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio appointed him to the Commonwealth Supreme Court, where a year later he was sworn as Chief Justice; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Demapan selflessly made himself available to act as a Justice *Pro Tempore* for the Supreme Court of Guam, and rendered his wisdom and assistance in many Guam Supreme Court cases, including 18 notable published cases; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Demapan also provided invaluable assistance to the Superior Court of Guam as a Judge *Pro Tempore* in the Superior Court of Guam in the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, one of his most profound legacies was that of the President of the Pacific Judicial Council from 2000 to 2002, and again in 2008, and in this leadership capacity, his efforts resulted in increased training of judges and educational opportunities of court staff on Guam and throughout Micronesia;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Judicial Council recognizes that the efforts of Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan as a Justice *Pro Tempore* for the Supreme and Superior Courts of Guam, and as President of the Pacific Judicial Council, have contributed greatly toward the improvement of the administration of justice in our jurisdiction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judicial Council hereby extends a heartfelt *Dangkulo na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to CNMI Chief Justice Demapan for his selfless service to the Guam Judiciary and to the many hundreds of people of Guam whose lives he touched with his dedicated service.

DULY ADOPTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2011 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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