BEFORE THE 2012 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC12-007

RELATIVE TO DECLARATION OF LAW DAY AND LAW WEEK

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association celebrates the first day in May of every year as Law Day, encouraging all Americans to reflect upon how a viable democracy requires understanding of the nature and basis of our freedoms and recognition of the individual responsibilities which those freedoms impose; and

WHEREAS, this year the American Bar Association has established the theme for Law Day to be "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom." This year's theme focuses on the importance of preserving access to the justice system and provides an opportunity to highlight the crucial role of our courts in a free society. Democracy demands a strong and effective judiciary, and budgetary shortages have tangible consequences to the fair administration of justice. That is why the Law Day 2012 theme is devoted to enhancing public appreciation and understanding of the vital importance of courts and the dangers of underfunding them; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary of Guam has historically followed this ABA tradition, and intends to recognize Law Day on May 1, 2012, and to celebrate Law Week, April 28 – May 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Law Week 2012 provides us with an opportunity in our community to appreciate the value of courts to justice for all by engaging, in partnership with the District Court of Guam, in such community activities as a 5k Race Judicata, Elementary and Middle School Mock Trials, Essay and Art Contests, State of the Judiciary Address, Hustisia Award Presentation, a Law Fair and other outreach programs from the Judiciary to the Community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Judicial Council does hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 1, 2012, as Law Day and April 28 through May 5, 2012 as Law Week. The Judicial Council on behalf of the Judiciary of Guam urges the citizens, schools, businesses, legal professionals, and media of Guam to use this occasion to preserve and strengthen the rule of law.

DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of April, 2012 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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