BEFORE THE 2012 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC12-016

RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2012 AS GUAM BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the Judiciary of Guam hereby recognizes that bullying is a serious issue that greatly affects the safety and well-being of youth and families in our island community; and

WHEREAS, to address bullying, cyberbullying, sexting, youth violence, and related issues in our schools and community, the Judiciary of Guam has partnered with the Guam Department of Education to educate and train students, school personnel, youth service providers and professionals, parents, and families - to encourage understanding and raise awareness of bullying and violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, through this partnership, the Bullying Prevention Advisory Group (BPAG) was formed last July 2011 to synergize the efforts of many agencies to prevent, intervene, and stop bullying and violence in Guam; and

WHEREAS, through the BPAG, Guam students helped create the theme in this community effort entitled DUO: Do Unto Others – A Partnership Against Bullying to recognize we must all live by the Golden Rule to treat others with the kindness and respect we each deserve; and

WHEREAS, the BPAG is comprised of the Judiciary of Guam; the Guam Department of Education; the Office of the Governor; the Office of the First Lady; the Office of the Lieutenant Governor; Offices of Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio, Senator Aline A. Yamashita, Senator Thomas C. Ada, Senator Judith P. Guthertz, Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan, and Senator Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr., all members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*; *I Famagu'on-ta;* the District Court of Guam; the Office of the Attorney General; the United States Attorney's Office; the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse; the Guam Bar Association; the University of Guam; the Guam Community College; the Department of Youth Affairs; the Guam Police Department; Sanctuary Incorporated of Guam; Inafa'Maolek; Office of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools; Bishop Baumgartner Catholic School; St. Anthony Catholic School; Father Duenas Memorial School; San Vicente Catholic School; Guam Evangelical Christian Academy; DISID; Harvest Christian Academy; St. Paul Christian School; St. John's School; the Guam Anti-Bullying Organization; Guam Girl Scouts; Guam Youth Congress, and the Guam National Guard Counter Drug Task Force;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Judicial Council does hereby recognize the month of October 2012 as **'Guam Bullying Prevention Month.'** The Judicial Council on behalf of the Judiciary of Guam urges the people of Guam to use this occasion to engage in the activities made available by the BPAG, with the goal of recognizing that bullying is not a rite of passage, but a behavior that contributes considerably to the continuum of violence. The Judicial Council pledges its support for BPAG's efforts at teaching all citizens that each of us has an individual role to play in promoting positive social behaviors to prevent bullying and violence in Guam.

DULY ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2012 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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