BEFORE THE 2012 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC 13-005

RELATIVE TO CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE ALEXANDRO CRUZ CASTRO ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ELEVATION TO CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WHEREAS, the Honorable Alexandro Cruz Castro was elevated to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, effective October 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Castro dedicated his life to public service in the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands with his continuous career in the service of the NMI; and

WHEREAS, born on Tinian, raised on Rota, schooled on Guam and Saipan, Justice Castro also contributed to his community as a police officer and teacher; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Castro embarked on a legal career including service at the Public Defender's Office and the Office of the Attorney General, ultimately serving as the CNMI's first native Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Castro has served the Commonwealth bench for 23 selfless years, including service as Associate Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court from July 9, 1998, Presiding Judge of the CNMI Superior Court from February 23, 1993 to July 8, 1998, and Associate Judge of the CNMI Superior Court from May 5, 1989 to February 22, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Chief Justice Castro has made himself available to act as a Justice *Pro Tempore* for the Supreme Court of Guam; and

WHEREAS, among his countless legacies are the many opportunities he took to develop educational opportunities and programs. To his credit, Chief Justice Castro is personally responsible for many educational programs geared at mentoring CNMI youth for careers in understanding and appreciation of the judicial process;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Judicial Council of Guam recognizes that the efforts of Chief Justice Alexandro Cruz Castro as a Justice *Pro Tempore* for the Supreme Court of Guam, and a participant in the Pacific Judicial Conference and the Micronesian Judiciary, have contributed greatly toward the improvement of the administration of justice in Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judicial Council hereby extends its congratulations to the Honorable Alexandro Cruz Castro on the occasion of his investiture as Chief Justice of the CNMI Supreme Court.

DULY ADOPTED at a noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam and signed this 18th day of March, 2013.

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