BEFORE THE 2013 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC 13-010

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM, THE DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM, AND THE GUAM BAR ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS IN CELEBRATING LAW WEEK 2012 AND FOR BEING RECOGNIZED BY THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION FOR RECEIVING THE 2012 LAW DAY OUTSTANDING ACTIVITY AWARD

WHEREAS, In commemoration of the 2012 celebration of Law Week, the Judiciary of Guam, the District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association ("GBA") hosted a series of events that brought thousands of citizens together to highlight the importance of preserving access to the justice system and provide an opportunity to highlight the crucial role of our courts in a free society and the dangers of underfunding them; and

WHEREAS, To recognize the importance of Law Day, the Judicial Council issued a proclamation declaring May 1 as Law Day and April 28 to May 5, 2012, as Law Week; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 Law Week Committee include: Justice Robert J. Torres, Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Judge Maria Cenzon, Cynthia V. Ecube, Esq., Rodney Jacob, Esq., Danielle Rosete, Esq., Geraldine A. Cepeda, Esq., Ana Maria Gayle, Esq., Dana Gutierrez, Esq., Minakshi Hemlani, Esq., Rebecca Perez, Esq., Sophia Diaz, Esq., Stacy McDonald Flores, Cathleen Moylan, Cathy Gogue, Dionne Shinohara, Cynthia Palacios; and

WHEREAS, The Judicial Council commends the members of the committee for their outstanding efforts towards strengthening and expanding the rule of law and recognize their significant achievements which include the following:

- Organizing a 5k Race Judicata Sunset Run/Walk with I Familian I Kotte, the Judiciary of Guam Employees Association which included over 300 participants;
- Conducting open house tours of the Judiciary of Guam and the District Court of Guam during Law Week;
- Presenting the Annual State of the Judiciary Address by Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido;
- Appearance on news and radio talk shows throughout Law Week to inform the public of the importance of Law Day and the rule of law;
- Appearance of "Lawyers on the Air" to respond to radio station caller inquires throughout Law Week;
- Preparation of media write-ups from the legal and law enforcement community, various non-profit organizations and court-related community partners about the services provided which were featured during Law Week in the Pacific Daily News;
- Arrangement of local and federal courthouse tours for the public during law week;
- Organizing the Law Day Naturalization Ceremony and Citizen Outreach Program at the District Court of Guam on April 30;
- Involvement of kindergarten and middle school students to participate in the celebration by performing fairy tale mock trials mixed with laughter and learning throughout Law Week;
- Sponsorship of an art coloring contest attracting over 1,000 entries from elementary school students and an essay contest from middle and high school students that generated over 200 submissions;
- Hosting Student Island Leadership Day at the District Court on May 2;
- Production of a KGTF Video Premiere Project highlighting the importance of underfunded courts on May entitled "Children At Risk: The Juvenile Justice System" a video about teen drug use and school violence, released and featured on Guam's Public Television station during Law Week. The video addresses what happens when students enter into the juvenile judicial system, and will be used as part of an outreach program in the schools that is designed to help students understand their roles and responsibilities in life and the consequences of their decision;
- Organization of a Law Fair at the Micronesia Mall, inviting members of the legal and law enforcement community, various non-profit organizations and court-related community partners to come together to participate in the fair designed to educate the public about the services provided by these members;
- Presentation of the fifth annual *Hustisia* Award (modeled on the ABA's Liberty Award) to Judge Pro Temp Richard H. Benson on May 4; and
- Conducting outreach at the District Court of Guam to the community including the Mayor's Council, Guam Veterans, and various island leaders.

WHEREAS, On February 8, 2013, the American Bar Association recognized the Judiciary of Guam, the District Court of Guam, and the Guam Bar Association at the ABA Mid-Year meeting in Dallas, Texas as the winners of the 2012 Law Day Outstanding Activity Award; and

WHEREAS, The Law Week Committee was recognized for its innovative program that reflected the 2012 national Law Day Theme of "No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom" and significant involvement of the legal community in programs for youth and adults; and

WHEREAS, The Law Week Committee members accomplishments are numerous, significant, and worthy of recognition and commendation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Judicial Council congratulates and commends the Law Week Committee for their accomplishments in preserving and strengthening the rule of law.

DULY ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2013 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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