BEFORE THE 2013 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC 13-021

RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2013 AS FAMILY VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, our community recognizes the importance of raising awareness of the serious nature of Family and Domestic Violence on Guam, we resolve to:

- Uphold the right of all individuals to live free of family violence;
- Ensure that victims have safe access to the legal system through outreach, affordable legal aid, *pro se* services, and victim advocacy;
- Increase awareness of the safe shelters for victims of family violence, as well as for the minor children of victims of family violence;
- Hold offenders of family violence accountable for their actions and timely address reports of family violence and the disposition of cases involving family violence;
- Provide counseling, as well as mental health and substance abuse treatment for family violence victims and offenders;
- Support programs of the Judiciary and the entire law enforcement community that raise awareness of the danger of family violence;
- Work with the entire community of Guam in the healing of those who have suffered from the worst consequences of family violence.

WHEREAS, to reach the goals of increasing public awareness and preventing Family and Domestic Violence on Guam,

NOW THEREFORE, the Judicial Council does hereby recognize the month of October, 2013, to be Family Violence Awareness Month. The Judicial Council, on behalf of the Judiciary of Guam, together with the Guam Bar Association, urges all citizens, schools, businesses, legal professionals, and the media of Guam to observe and participate in the events planned during the month of October to bring attention to this important community issue.

DULY ADOPTED this 19th day of September, 2013 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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