



BEFORE THE 2014 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC14-022

RELATIVE TO RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 2014 AS GUAM BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

- WHEREAS**, the Judiciary of Guam hereby recognizes that bullying adversely impacts our island community and must be addressed by building relationships and forging bonds with others; and
- WHEREAS**, to address bullying, cyber bullying, sexting, youth violence, and related issues, the Judiciary of Guam has partnered with the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) since 2008 to provide law-related education to school students, faculty and staff, parents, and the community-at-large; and
- WHEREAS**, through the partnership, the Judiciary of Guam conducted bullying prevention training to schools and the community since early 2011, resulting in a significant decline in reported bullying incidents from 2010 to 2014 by 82%; and
- WHEREAS**, a Bullying Prevention Advisory Group (BPAG) was formed in July 2011 consisting of juvenile justice, youth service providers, and other stakeholders to collaboratively prevent, intervene, and stop bullying and violence in Guam; and
- WHEREAS**, through the BPAG, the anti-bullying campaign themes of *B.A.S.T.A.* (Bullying Affects Students, Teachers, and All) and *DUO: Do Unto Others – A Partnership Against Bullying* were created to inspire, educate, and encourage youth and families to live by the Golden Rule to treat others with the respect and kindness we each deserve; and
- WHEREAS**, through the BPAG, Guam joins a nationwide movement to unite our communities to raise awareness of bullying prevention through events, activities, outreach, and education; and
- WHEREAS**, this year the Judiciary of Guam has established the theme of “Bullying Prevention Begins at Home” for the occasion, reflecting the reality that in a shrinking world of growing technology, we each play a significant role in preventing bullying, most especially parents; and
- WHEREAS**, the BPAG is comprised of the Judiciary of Guam; the Guam Department of Education (including twenty-six elementary schools, eight middle schools, six high schools, one alternative school, and one charter school); the Office of Governor Edward B. Calvo; the Office of First Lady Christine Calvo; the Office of Lieutenant Governor Raymond Tenorio; Offices of Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Majority Leader Rory J. Respicio, Minority Leader V. Anthony Ada, and other members of the Committee on Future Generations and the Committee on Education: Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Senators Thomas C. Ada, Aline A. Yamashita, Frank Aguon, Jr., Dennis Rodriguez, Jr., and all other members of *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan; I Famagu'onta*; the District Court of Guam; the Office of the Attorney General; the United States Attorney's Office; Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center; Youth for Youth LIVE Guam; 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*; the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities; the Guam Anti-Bullying Organization; the Guam Girl Scouts, the Guam Boy Scouts; the Guam Youth Congress; the Guam National Guard Counter Drug Task Force; the Office of the Superintendent of Catholic Schools; Academy of Our Lady of Guam; Father Duenas Memorial School; Notre Dame High School; Saint Thomas Aquinas; Bishop Baumgartner Memorial Catholic School; Dominican Catholic School; Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic School; Saint Anthony Catholic School; Saint Francis Catholic School; San Vicente Catholic School; Santa Barbara Catholic School; Dominican Child Development Center; Infant of Prague Nursery & Kindergarten; Maria Artero Preschool & Kindergarten; Mercy Heights Nursery & Kindergarten; Guam Evangelical Christian Academy; Harvest Christian Academy; Saint Paul Christian School; Saint John's School; Pacific Christian Academy; Asmuyao Community School; Family Baptist Church School; Montessori School of Guam; Temple Baptist Church School; Blessed Seed Christian Academy & Daycare Center; Guam Adventist Academy; Providence International Christian Academy; Southern Christian Academy; and, other schools and stakeholders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Judicial Council does hereby recognize the month of October 2014 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 join the movement; spread the local and national messages of *Bullying Prevention Begins at Home* and *The End of Bullying Begins with Me*; and, to participate in Unity Day by wearing orange on Wednesday, October 22, 2014. The Judicial Council pledges its support to promote bullying prevention in the workplace and in the community.

DULY ADOPTED this 22nd day of September, 2014 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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