



BEFORE THE 2015 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM

RESOLUTION NO. JC 15-010

RELATIVE TO DECLARATION OF LAW DAY AND LAW WEEK

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association (“ABA”) celebrates the first day in May of every year as Law Day, encouraging all Americans to reflect upon the Rule of Law and the good fortune of living in a land where law prevails; and

WHEREAS, this year the American Bar Association has invited the country to reflect on the importance of an 800 year old document, the Magna Carta, honored by historians and legal scholars as the first document that posits the notion that no man is above the law. The ABA has established the theme for 2015 Law Day to be “Magna Carta – Symbol of Freedom Under Law,” celebrating the contributions of the Great Charter of Liberty. Over the centuries, the Magna Carta has become an international symbol of the rule of law and an inspiration for many basic rights Americans hold dear today, including due process, habeas corpus, and trial by jury. The Magna Carta is taught to schoolchildren today as a symbol to inform our thinking about rights and liberty, and remains an enduring representation that we must constantly aspire to be a nation and an island of laws, not men; and

WHEREAS, the Judiciary of Guam has historically followed this ABA tradition, and intends to recognize Law Day on May 1, 2015, and to celebrate Law Week, April 24 – May 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Law Week 2015 provides a unique opportunity to help promote public understanding of the rule of law by concentrating events important to the legal community, such as the State of the Judiciary Address, District Court of Guam Outreach events, Guam media commitments to publish contributions surrounding legal principles, Juror Appreciation Week, Essay and Art Contests, fairy tale mock trial plays featuring elementary and middle school students, a Law Fair featuring services provided by the legal and law enforcement communities, and the a 5k Race “Judicata,” a collaborative and unified effort to raise funds for several charitable organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Judicial Council does hereby proclaim Friday, May 1, 2015, as Law Day and April 24 through May 9, 2015 as Law Week. The Judicial Council invites the people of Guam to these events to celebrate the Magna Carta and the importance, reflected in that ancient but wise document, of the principle that ours is a government of laws rather than of men.

DULY ADOPTED this 23rd day of April, 2015 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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