



**BEFORE THE 2015 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM**

**RESOLUTION NO. JC15-018**

**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE CORPORATION  
FOR A JOB WELL DONE on its FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS,** in 1975, Public Law 13-51 entitled the "Public Defender Service Corporation Act," was signed into law "to provide effective legal aid and assistance to those persons in Guam who are unable to afford counsel." The law created the Public Defender Service Corporation as an autonomous corporation whose director would account to a Board of Trustees from different branches rather than to the a single branch of government, thus imbuing the Public Defender Service Corporation with further autonomy and independence; and

**WHEREAS,** the Public Defender Service Corporation has operated in these last 40 years under the leadership of this Board by providing legal counsel to innumerable criminal defendants, thus reflecting the commitment of the Government of Guam to the constitutional requirement that no single individual must stand accused by the state without counsel as mandated by the United States Supreme Court in *Gideon v. Wainwright*, 372 U.S. 335 (1963); and

**WHEREAS,** a fair and impartial justice system is essential to our democracy and the Public Defender Service Corporation plays a vital role in our judicial system. When the rights of those who cannot afford an attorney are defended, we are really defending the ability of our system to provide equal representation and justice for everybody.

**WHEREAS,** the Judicial Council commends all of the members of the Public Defender Service Corporation family, attorneys and staff alike, for the last forty years for their outstanding efforts towards strengthening the judicial system by providing much needed services to the indigent of Guam.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Judicial Council commends the Public Defender Service Corporation for forty years of service to the people of Guam, and congratulates the Public Defender Service Corporation for a job well done.

**DATED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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