



**BEFORE THE 2018 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM**

**RESOLUTION NO. JC 18-006**

**RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
GUAM ADULT REENTRY COURT PROGRAM  
AT THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM**

**WHEREAS,** pursuant to 48 U.S.C.A. § 1424-1(a)(6) of the Organic Act, the Supreme Court of Guam has been conferred full administrative authority over the Judiciary of Guam, including the power to make and promulgate rules governing the administration of the judiciary and the practice and procedure in the courts of the judicial branch of Guam; and

**WHEREAS,** the Judicial Council is authorized, pursuant to statute, to adopt policy for the operations of the courts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Guam Legislature recognized the usefulness of a Guam Adult Reentry Court Program in its Public Law 34-81, codified at 7 GCA § 2101(d), which recognized, in its preamble, the following:

The efforts of the members of the Guam Adult Reentry Court Task Force reflect a concerted and collaborative initiative to create an Adult Reentry Court Program that is aimed at reducing recidivism, decreasing prison overcrowding in Guam, and improving public safety. Through the implementation of evidence-based practices, including the Ohio Risk Assessment System and assessment-driven case plans which address individualized supervision, treatment and services, the outcome indicators for the participants in the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program include job stability, permanent housing, completion of treatment, high school or GED completion, family reunification, and lowered recidivism.

A critical component of the Guam Adult Reentry Court program is the intense supervision of participants, who must appear at regular court hearings before the Reentry Court Judge, with frequency of hearings determined on the risk and needs level of the participant and his or her behavior. Accordingly, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to establish the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program, and to clarify the jurisdiction of Guam Adult Reentry Court and its role in the parole process.

and

**WHEREAS**, the Judiciary has, in the past, recognized that collaborative integrated therapeutic courts are important to our community as a partnership between law enforcement, treatment, and the criminal justice system on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guam Legislature, in Public Law 34-81, recognized the importance of the creation of a reentry court program through a duly-adopted Judicial Council resolution, as a specialized treatment program within the Judiciary of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, a pool of criminal defendants, who are serving a sentence and are eligible for parole, and qualify for participation in a reentry court program, has been identified.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Judicial Council hereby officially **RECOMMENDS** to the Supreme Court of Guam that it approve the establishment of the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program as a specialized treatment program within the Superior Court of Guam.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2018 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

  
KATHERINE A. MARAMAN, Chairwoman

Dated: March 30, 2018

ATTEST:

  
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JOANNA S. McDONALD, Secretary

Dated: 3/30/2018