



**BEFORE THE 2018 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM**

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-013**

**RELATIVE TO PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS GUAM DRUG COURT MONTH**

- WHEREAS**, treatment courts are the cornerstone of justice reform sweeping the nation and now number more than 3,000 nationwide; and
- WHEREAS**, the Superior Court of Guam first established the Drug Court in 2002 pursuant to Public Law 26:125; and
- WHEREAS**, the Adult and Juvenile Drug Courts were later made permanent courts of record by the Supreme Court of Guam pursuant to Administrative Order 05-03; and
- WHEREAS**, Guam's Adult Drug Court I Program provided drug and alcohol treatment services for 166 participants throughout 2017 with the year ending with 95 active participants and featured graduation ceremonies in the months of February, May, and October that saw a total of 28 participants graduated during the year; and
- WHEREAS**, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals annually celebrates National Drug Court Month in order to bring attention to and celebrate the successes of treatment courts, which work to break the cycle of addiction in families and reduce the number of re-arrests and re-incarcerations; and
- WHEREAS**, the Guam Juvenile Drug Court involved juvenile cases with a drug or alcohol offense in which 200 participants in 2017 received drug treatment services, group counseling sessions, life skills workshops, and recreational therapy sessions; and
- WHEREAS**, treatment courts significantly improve substance use disorder treatment outcomes, substantially reduce addiction and related crime, and do so at less expense than any other criminal justice strategy; and
- WHEREAS**, treatment courts improve education, employment, housing and financial stability, promote family reunification, reduce foster care placements, and increase the rate of addicted mothers delivering babies who are fully drug free; and
- WHEREAS**, treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; and
- WHEREAS**, treatment courts demonstrate that when one person rises out of substance use and crime, we all rise.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Judicial Council of Guam does hereby declare that Drug Court Month be established during the month of May 2018.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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