



**BEFORE THE 2024 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM**

**RESOLUTION NO. JC24-007**

**RELATIVE TO PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2024  
AS TREATMENT COURT MONTH**

- WHEREAS,** treatment courts have been restoring lives and families for more than three decades; and
- WHEREAS,** treatment courts are now recognized as the most successful justice system intervention in U.S. history, having served over 1.5 million individuals at more than 4,000 treatment courts nationwide; and
- WHEREAS,** the Superior Court of Guam established the first Drug Court in 2002, pursuant to Guam Public Law 26-125, and since then, the Adult and Juvenile Treatment Courts combined have graduated more than 1,100 individuals, including 600 adults and 500 juveniles, with hundreds enrolled in the programs collectively; and
- WHEREAS,** the power of problem-solving courts, the Judiciary of Guam also provides services through its Mental Health Court, Veterans Treatment Court, Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court, the Guam Adult Reentry Program, and the Guam Family Recovery Program; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Association of Drug Court Professionals annually celebrates National Treatment Court Month in order to bring attention to and celebrate the success of treatment courts, which work to break the cycle of addiction in families and reduce the number of re-arrests and reincarceration; 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 abuse and crime, we all rise.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Judicial Council of Guam does hereby recognize the month of May 2024 as Treatment Court Month, commending drug courts and other therapeutic courts as the cornerstone of criminal justice reform sweeping the island. The Judicial Council on behalf of the Judiciary of Guam further urges the people of Guam to use this occasion to reflect on the positive changes brought by Treatment Courts to our island community.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 22nd day of April 2024 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.



**ROBERT J. TORRES, Chairman**

Dated: 4-22-24

ATTEST:



Jessica Perez-Jackson, Executive Secretary

Dated: 4/22/24