



**BEFORE THE 2025 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM**

**RESOLUTION NO. JC25-008**

**RELATIVE TO PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY 2025  
AS TREATMENT COURT MONTH**

- WHEREAS,** treatment courts are 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,** 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 at which addicted mothers deliver babies who are fully drug-free; and
- WHEREAS,** treatment courts facilitate community-wide partnerships, bringing together public safety and public health professionals; 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 Judiciary has expanded to eight specialty courts, which have witnessed over 1,200 graduates, with hundreds enrolled in the programs collectively; and
- WHEREAS,** the Adult Drug Court (ADC) provides intensive treatment and counseling services to help participants with their substance misuse disorders and aims to provide intensive treatment and counseling services; and
- WHEREAS,** the Juvenile Drug Court (JDC) involves juvenile cases with a drug or alcohol offense and utilizes evidence-based risk assessment tools, drug treatment services, hearings, random testing, group counseling sessions, life skills workshops, and recreational therapy sessions; and
- WHEREAS,** the Family Violence Court addresses all criminal felony and misdemeanor cases with a family violence charge and provides individual and group counseling; and
- WHEREAS,** the Mental Health Court (MHC) strives to provide sustainable and adequate treatment for adult defendants who are mentally impaired or developmentally disabled; and

**WHEREAS,** the Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) assists justice-involved veterans, diverting them from incarceration into treatment, judicial monitoring, and supervision; and

**WHEREAS,** the Driving While Intoxicated Treatment Court (DWITC) serves eligible defendants charged with Driving While Impaired and Driving Under the Influence offenses and aims to improve the quality of life of participants by providing supervised holistic treatment to reduce recidivism and increase public safety; and

**WHEREAS,** the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program (GARC) strives to provide the necessary tools and skills to individuals transitioning from incarceration or parole into the community, aiming to reduce recidivism rates and increase public safety; and

**WHEREAS,** the Guam Family Recovery Program (GFRP) aims to promote the health, safety, and welfare of children from abuse and neglect where parental substance misuse is a factor and seeks to strengthen families by providing collaborative, culturally respectful, and family-centered treatment and services through increased judicial oversight; and

**WHEREAS,** the All Rise organization 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 re-incarceration; and

**WHEREAS,** the Judiciary of Guam celebrates Treatment Court Month through several activities designed to increase awareness of drug court programs and encourage healthy alternatives to drug use, including through an outreach event at the Agana Shopping Center and sporting activities for both adult and juvenile drug court participants; 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 2025 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 17th day of April 2025 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

  
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**ROBERT J. TORRES**, Chairman

Dated: 4/17/2025



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Jessica Perez-Jackson, Executive Secretary

Dated: 4/17/2025