



BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM  
RESOLUTION NO. JC26-001

RELATIVE TO COMMENDING JUSTICE ROBERT J. TORRES FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE JUDICIARY OF GUAM

WHEREAS, Justice Robert J. Torres was appointed as Chief Justice of Guam on January 5, 2023, under Promulgation Order PRM 23-001, and served as Chairman of the Judicial Council of Guam pursuant to 7 GCA 5101;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 7 GCA § 3103(i), the Honorable Robert J. Torres's third term as Chief Justice expired on January 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Justice and Chairman of the Judicial Council, the Honorable Robert J. Torres will be best remembered as a visionary leader who guided the Judiciary of Guam into a new era of technological innovation and distinctive recognition; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Justice and Chairman of the Judicial Council, the Honorable Robert J. Torres led the Judiciary in many important projects and undertakings, including the following:

Distinct Projects and Initiatives:

- Reconvene Juvenile Justice Reform Collaborative to strengthen collaboration and advance juvenile justice reform for our island's youth.
- Led the 50th Anniversary of the Court Reorganization Act celebrating the 1974 landmark legislation that created the island's first Supreme Court and Superior Court.
- Modernization of Guam's Public Defender System establishing an independent board to oversee legal services.
- Codifying the Criminal Justice Automation Commission legislation officially establishing the Commission as a permanent entity to improve data sharing among law enforcement agencies.
- Maintained court operations throughout Typhoon Mawar recovery despite significant damage across Guam.
- Partnered with the National Center for State Courts to develop and implement strategic initiatives for 2024 to 2027.
- Election as President for Pacific Judicial Council leading the organization to improving judicial administration and education across Pacific Islands courts.

Improving Court Operations/Services:

- Restoration and renovation of the Guam Historic Courthouse including the development of its museum and exhibit space and preservation of historic areas and display.
- Modernization of employees' workspace and common/public areas to improve functionality.
- Adoption of Amended Special Process Server Regulations to improve administration of the program.
- Adoption of Training Program for Special Deputy Marshals, tailored to their responsibilities and special appointments.
- Implementation of the Court Navigator Program.
- Upgrade the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) WebID to enable access and query to the FBI CJIS Repository for Individuals of Special Concern (RISC) using BlueCheck devices. Access to RISC allows officers on patrol to instantly search the federal repository to assess the threat level of an individual.
- Implementation of Court Visitor Project and Civil Law Center referrals to enhance services by the Public Guardian.
- Enhance the juror experience with upgrades to Juror Notification System.

Increasing Public Trust and Confidence:

- Publication of Performance Report such as the Pretrial Release Snapshot.
- Implementation of Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping Workshop and Facilitator Training to address critical gaps in Guam's criminal justice and behavioral health systems.
- Implementation of Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training for first responders and community members.
- Continued generous donations to community organizations such as Catholic Social Services, Office of the Public Guardian, Be Heartfelt, Harvest House and American Cancer Society.
- Resume Guam High School Mock Trial Program and launched the inaugural Courtroom Artist and Journalist Contests.

Promoting Wellness Driven Culture:

- Adoption of several measures to ensure competitive and pay parity for recruitment and retention of court employees.
- Initiate strengthening of probation practices and services beginning with a comprehensive assessment of the island's probation system.
- Partnered with the Arizona Supreme Court to provide Probation Officer Training including representatives from Guam, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Palau, and the FSM Supreme Court.
- Partnered with National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Judicial Education Development initiative on Domestic Violence.
- Adoption of Amended Judiciary's Law Enforcement Physical Fitness Qualifications Test to ensure operational effectiveness and prepare officers for real-world challenges.
- Creation critical positions to enhance court operations and judicial performance, including the positions of Data Analyst and Chief Financial Officer.

Embracing and Enhancing Technology:

- Transition from a sunseting case management system to the eSeries platform, enabling public portal access and expanded electronic filing capabilities.
- Become one of the first jurisdictions to adopt and administer the NextGen Uniform Bar Exam.
- Expansion of access to protection orders and launched an online tool allowing individuals to prepare and file civil protection orders from any computer or mobile device.
- Expansion of electronic monitoring program to post-conviction case.
- Improved and enhanced tools available to guardians, including the launch of the Guardianship Educational Video Series, to better support their work and serve those in their care.
- Adoption of Digital Evidence Management System.
- Adoption of Amended Judicial Council Rule 1.07, establishing a permanent measure for council members to participate and vote via teleconference or video conference meetings.
- Adoption of the Judiciary of Guam Policy on Artificial Intelligence.
- Implementation of an Electronic Timekeeping System.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Judicial Council recognizes the efforts of the Honorable Robert J. Torres and for his service to the Judiciary of Guam as Chairman of the Judicial Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judicial Council hereby extends heartfelt Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase' to Justice Robert J. Torres for his service as Chief Justice and Chairman of the Judicial Council to the Judiciary and people of Guam from January 17, 2023 to January 20, 2026.

DULY ADOPTED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

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