



**BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM**

**RESOLUTION NO. JC26-004**

**RELATIVE TO PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026 AS SECOND CHANCE MONTH**

- WHEREAS,** the Second Chance Act, passed by Congress and signed into law by President George W. Bush on April 9, 2008, was enacted to enhance public safety by breaking the cycle of criminal recidivism and improving outcomes for individuals returning from prisons, jails, and juvenile facilities; and
- WHEREAS,** reentry refers to the transition of individuals from incarceration back into the community under supervision; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2015, the Judiciary of Guam received an award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Second Chance Act Demonstration Grant to establish the Guam Adult Reentry Court, which provides reentry services to individuals aged 18 years or older who are assessed as medium-to high-risk for recidivism using evidence-based tools; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2016, during the inaugural National Reentry Week, the Department of Justice sponsored events designed to raise awareness of the importance of successful reentry and community reintegration; and
- WHEREAS,** in April of 2018, at the recommendation of the Judicial Council of Guam, the Supreme Court of Guam established the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program as a specialized treatment program within the Superior Court of Guam through Promulgation Order 18-003-01; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2018, the Judiciary of Guam received funding through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs under the FY18 Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness (CSAMI); and
- WHEREAS,** in an effort to sustain the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program and provide additional wrap-around services, the Judiciary applied for and was awarded funding in 2023 under the BJA FY 2023 Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry program; and
- WHEREAS,** the Judiciary recognizes the importance of utilizing evidence-based risk assessment tools to guide the development of individualized case plans that identify the risk and needs of program participants; and
- WHEREAS,** individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness who are reentering the community following incarceration often face many challenges in obtaining adequate and effective services, including supervision, access to treatment, formal peer recovery support services, and other wraparound services; and

**WHEREAS,** formerly incarcerated individuals returning to society may also face additional barriers, including but not limited to the need for family support, transitional housing, government identification documentation, access to health care and health insurance, workforce development opportunities, employment, legal services, and transportation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Guam Adult Reentry Court continues to partner with various government, nonprofit, and private sector organizations to deliver services that support individuals who voluntarily participate in the program and are working toward successful reintegration into the community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Judicial Council of Guam hereby recognizes the month of April 2026 as Second Chance Month, honoring individuals who are reentering society and working to become positive, engaged members of our community and workplaces while making meaningful contributions to our island. The Judicial Council of Guam, on behalf of the Judiciary of Guam, further urges the people of Guam to use this occasion to reflect on the collaborative efforts of community partners and the positive impact of the Guam Adult Reentry Court Program in helping individuals rebuild their lives as they transition back into our island community—creating opportunities for meaningful second chances.

**DULY ADOPTED** this 19th day of March 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.

  
KATHERINE A. MARAMAN, Chair

Dated: March 19, 2026

ATTEST:

  
Shelterihna T. Alokoo, Executive Secretary

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