



**BEFORE THE 2026 JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF GUAM
RESOLUTION NO. JC26-010**

RELATIVE TO GRANTING THE 2026 HOSTISIA AWARD TO HARVEST HOUSE

WHEREAS, as a regular part of Law Month, the Judiciary of Guam presents the Hostisia Award, an award recognizing a community member or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to improving the administration of justice and good government.

WHEREAS, modeled after the American Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award, the Guam Judiciary Hostisia Award is meant to honor those who contribute to the betterment of our island and the rule of law; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2026, the decision was made to present the 2026 Hostisia Award to Harvest House; and

WHEREAS, in considering the criteria used in determining worthy recipients, specifically, promotion of a better understanding of the rule of law, encouraging a greater respect for law, generating a sense of civic responsibility, and contributing to good government in the island, it is our district honor to grant this year's award to Harvest house.

It is especially fitting that this recognition be presented during May, which is observed nationwide as National Foster Care Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness of the needs of children in foster care and honoring the individuals, families, and organizations who provide them with care, support, and hope.

About seventeen years ago, Harvest House Guam was founded to provide support to the foster care community on Guam and, since its founding, has become a trusted source of hope, guidance, and compassion for foster children and families across the island.

Harvest House helps strengthen Guam's foster care system by recruiting safe foster families and respite care providers, training foster families through trauma-treatment parenting curriculum and educational programs and supporting foster families throughout their journey by helping meet their needs and hosting events that benefit the foster care community. Harvest House also serves as an Emergency Triage Center for children in crisis entering the foster care system, providing immediate care, comfort, stability, and compassion during some of the most difficult moments in a child's life.

In Guam, the impact of Harvest House has touched many lives throughout our island community. In 2022 alone, the organization served 157 children through its Emergency Triage Center, supported 345 families and shelters, engaged 60 potential foster families, and assisted 46 families through reunification or adoption efforts. Behind every number is a child who found comfort, a family that received support, and a community strengthened by people willing to open their hearts and homes to those in need.

The Judiciary of Guam, particularly the Family Court, has maintained a longstanding partnership with Harvest House and has witnessed firsthand the care, commitment, and compassion the organization brings to children and families navigating difficult circumstances. Harvest House has helped restore hope, strengthen families, and remind our community that every child deserves to feel safe, valued, and cared for.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Judiciary of Guam proudly recognizes and honors Harvest House as the recipient of the 2026 Hostisia Award for its outstanding service and unwavering commitment to the children and families of Guam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Judiciary of Guam expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Harvest House for the meaningful difference it continues to make in the lives of our island's children, families, and community.

DULY ADOPTED this 21st day of May 2026 at a duly noticed meeting of the Judicial Council of Guam.



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