



## RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 70<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE *JUVENILE & FAMILY COURT JOURNAL*

**WHEREAS**, on May 22, 1937, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) was established by judges who came together with a vision of strengthening the juvenile and family court systems, and to share knowledge, provide support, and exchange ideas with colleagues on a national level; and

**WHEREAS**, NCJFCJ addresses a wide range of complex issues impacting the well-being of children and families encompassing juvenile delinquency, child abuse and neglect, divorce and the custody of children, substance abuse, domestic violence, trauma, and mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, NCJFCJ provides advanced education, practice-based resources, training, technical assistance, and publications with current data and statistics based on specialized research to better inform policies and best practices that promote justice for children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1949, NCJFCJ began publishing the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal* to better provide current information and research to judges, court administrators, attorneys, social workers, probation and detention officers, and other professionals across the country working in the fields of child welfare and family law/child custody; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal* is a quarterly, peer-reviewed publication presenting articles on topics related to the fields of juvenile and family justice, including juvenile delinquency, child abuse and neglect, domestic violence, substance abuse, and child custody and visitation with approximately one journal each year being devoted to an indepth discussion of a single relevant subject; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal* has supported the overall mission of NCJFCJ by providing to judges and related professionals education and the latest independent research and thinking on complex issues having an impact on the fields of child welfare, juvenile, and family law; and

**WHEREAS**, with the support of the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal* research and publication, judicial officers, attorneys, providers, and advocates are better able to develop and implement policies and best practices to ensure fair and effective justice for children and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal* articles relating to juvenile justice such as ***The Juvenile Court and the Role of the Juvenile Court Judge, The Balanced Approach to Juvenile Justice, The Juvenile Court At 100 Years Of Age: The Death of Optimism, Potential Impact of Research on Adolescent Development on Juvenile Judge Decision-making,*** and ***Gault's Promise Revisited: The Search For Due Process*** have greatly informed policy and juvenile justice reforms and have resulted in significant changes in treatment programs within the system as well as changes in the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal* articles relating to child welfare such as ***The Impact of Trauma on Child Development, Separation and Reunification: Using Attachment Theory and Research to Inform Decisions Affecting the Placements of Children in Foster Care, Pathways from Traumatic Child Victimization to Delinquency: Implications for Juvenile and Permanency Court Proceedings and Decisions*** and ***Relative Placement: The Best Answer for Our Foster Care System*** have informed policy and best practices and has resulted in legislative and child welfare system reforms; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal* articles relating to family violence such as ***Domestic Violence and Immigrants in Family Court, The War on Violence: Improving the Response to Domestic Violence in the Military,*** and ***Common Misconceptions in Addressing Domestic Violence in Child Custody Disputes*** have informed the field regarding best practices in cases at the intersection of family violence and child protection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Members of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges remain committed to continuing efforts to ensure a fair and compassionate justice system for children and families and all others coming before our courts, by continuing to support and recognize the unparalleled contributions of the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal* through its dedicated research and writing on critical challenges facing the judiciary and other professionals working within these fields; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that NCJFCJ expresses appreciation and gratitude to the *Juvenile & Family Court Journal* Editorial Boards, staff, and publishers since 1949 and all contributing authors who have honored, supported and created the publication and to the readers, libraries, subscribers, and advertisers who have supported the publication and without whom it would not have thrived for 70 years.

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