



Resolution in Support of the Best Practices and Principles of the *Enhanced Juvenile Justice Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Justice Cases*

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges provides cutting-edge training and technical assistance to courts handling juvenile justice cases across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges developed and published the original *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines* to help courts identify problem areas, plan for change, and implement improvements in handling of juvenile delinquency cases; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges used the original *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines* as a blueprint to provide training and technical assistance to judges from courts across the nation presiding over juvenile justice cases; and

WHEREAS, many juvenile courts have used the original *Guidelines* to make significant, systemic improvements which have improved outcomes for youth and families across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the new *Enhanced Juvenile Justice Guidelines* build on the foundational material included in the original *Guidelines*; and

WHEREAS, the *Enhanced Juvenile Justice Guidelines* incorporate the most recent improvements in recommended court practice, recognizing advances in neuroscience, an understanding of adolescent development, and juvenile specific rulings from the Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognizes the importance of the *Guidelines* and the impact on the entire juvenile justice system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges endorses the *Enhanced Juvenile Justice Guidelines*, and encourages and supports the dissemination and implementation of these best practices and principles nationwide.