



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

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

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges has utilized the original *Resource Guidelines* as a blueprint to provide training and technical assistance to judges presiding over child abuse and neglect cases from courts across the nation; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of dependency courts have utilized the original *Resource Guidelines* to make significant, systemic improvements which has improved the outcomes for children and families across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the new *Enhanced Resource Guidelines* document builds on the foundational material included in both the original *Resource Guidelines* and its companion, the *Adoption and Permanency Guidelines*.

WHEREAS, the *Enhanced Resource Guidelines* incorporates the most recent changes in legal requirements and the account for the continually evolving nature of information about recommended practices in handling child abuse and neglect cases; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognizes the importance of this document and its impact on the entire dependency court system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges does approve and recommend the implementation of the *Enhanced Resource Guidelines*, and supports its dissemination to further these best practices and principles nationwide.

Adopted this 24th day of March, 2016
By the NCJFCJ Board of Directors
Las Vegas, Nevada