



**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE  
ADOPTION OF POLICY STATEMENTS AND PRACTICES  
RECOMMENDED IN  
CIVIL PROTECTION ORDERS: A GUIDE FOR IMPROVING PRACTICE**

**WHEREAS**, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges has a long established policy of encouraging the judiciary to engage in practices that foster the effective administration of justice as it pertains to the safety of victims of violence and their children; and

**WHEREAS**, all 50 states, the District of Columbia, all United States territories, and many tribes have committed to safeguarding victims of domestic violence and their children through the remedy of civil protection orders; and

**WHEREAS**, each year, many of the millions of victims of domestic violence look to the civil protection order system as a way to stop the abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, civil protection orders are not self-implementing but require an integrated and consistent system response that coordinates issuing, serving, and enforcing orders; and

**WHEREAS**, professionals and communities need support in their efforts to increase the capacity of the system to provide an integrated and consistent response; and

**WHEREAS**, the courts and the judiciary have a unique and central role in issuing and enforcing civil protection orders; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges engaged a multidisciplinary committee of experts to identify the overarching values and key practices of an effective civil protection orders system; and

**WHEREAS**, the resulting publication, *Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice*, was published in 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, this publication was recognized by the nation's highest leadership as critical in the movement to support victims of domestic violence when President Barack Obama announced in October 2010 *Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice* would be a component of his administration's efforts to do more to help victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognizes the importance of promoting an understanding of the values and practices fundamental to an effective civil protection order system, as set forth in *Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice*;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges hereby approves and adopts as its official policy the statements made and practices recommended in its publication, *Civil Protection Orders: A Guide for Improving Practice*.

*Adopted by the NCJFCJ Board of Trustees, July 23, 2011, New York, New York.*