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Resolution No. 12

**RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE JUVENILE
DELINQUENCY GUIDELINES MODEL COURT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges works to assist courts in improving handling of juvenile delinquency cases; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges created the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines Implementation Committee to develop strategies to promote the implementation of the *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases*; and

WHEREAS, all of the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines Model Courts have secured their own funding to participate in the Model Court Project in order to implement these best practices and principles; and

WHEREAS, the limited availability of funding for the implementation of the *Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines* through the Model Court Project has resulted in the Committee tasking itself to develop strategies to continue the work of the project; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has developed recommendations for the continued support of the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines Model Court Project in order to assist judges and professionals in handling of delinquency cases and improving outcomes for children and families as they come before the court; and

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognizes the importance of this project and its impact on juvenile delinquency court systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges encourages and supports the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines Model Court Project in a manner consistent with, but not limited to, the recommendations of the Juvenile Delinquency Guidelines Implementation Committee.

Adopted this 29th day of July, 2008
By the Membership Assembled in Conference
In Norfolk, Virginia