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