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IN THE
SUPREME COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE CNMI DRUG COURT PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017-ADM-0012-RUL

ORDER ADOPTING
INTERIM CNMI DRUG COURT PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

¶ 1 The Drug Court Act of 2015, as codified in 1 CMC §3207, was enacted on October 28, 2015. Pursuant to the Act, the CNMI Superior Court commenced the Drug Court Program using a collaborative non-adversarial system to effect the rehabilitation and recovery of drug offenders through continuous court monitoring, regular drug testing, and holistic drug dependency treatment.

¶ 2 A team of stakeholders in the drug court program, consisting of the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Public Defender, law enforcement agencies, treatment professionals, and Drug Court staff, developed proposed policies and procedures to standardize the process for entry into the Drug Court Program and conducting proceedings. To avoid any delay in proceedings, we find it necessary to adopt the proposed policies and procedures in the interim pending further review.

¶ 3 Therefore, it is hereby ordered that the CNMI Drug Court Program Policies and Procedures, attached as EXHIBIT A, is adopted in the interim, nunc pro tunc to December 15, 2016, pending further review by the Supreme Court.

SO ORDERED this 26th day of May, 2017.

/s/

ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
Chief Justice

/s/

JOHN A. MANGLONA
Associate Justice

/s/

PERRY B. INOS
Associate Justice