



## A Proclamation

### Law Day 2012

#### *No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom*

Whereas, the American justice system upholds and protects the rights, as well as the freedom and justice for all Americans;

Whereas, in 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established the first Law Day as “a day of national dedication to the principles of government under law;”

Whereas, in 1961, Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1 Law Day, which is a national day to recognize and celebrate our justice system and the rule of law;

Whereas, the Commonwealth Judiciary, the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the members of the legal community observe Law Day annually to reflect upon how the rule of law serves as the foundation to the Commonwealth and contributes to the freedoms we enjoy in a democracy;

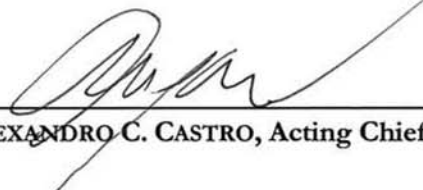
Whereas, the Law Day 2012 theme, “No Courts, No Justice, No Freedom,” highlights the crucial role of an independent judiciary in the Northern Mariana Islands and the nation; and

Whereas, May 1, 2012 marks the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court of the Northern Mariana Islands, which continues to maintain judicial excellence and integrity.

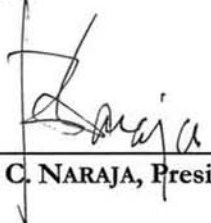
NOW, THEREFORE, the Commonwealth Judiciary, the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and the NMI Bar Association do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 1, 2012, as Law Day. We call upon all people of the Commonwealth to join the judiciary in acknowledging the importance of our legal and judicial systems with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

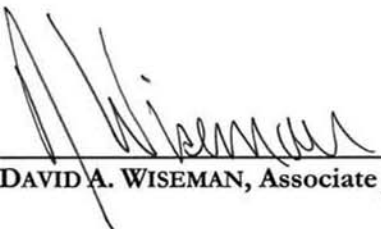
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this twenty-sixth day of April, in the year two thousand and twelve.

#### The Commonwealth Judiciary

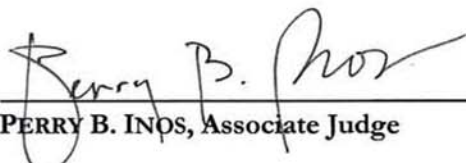
  
ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO, Acting Chief Justice

JOHN A. MANGLONA, Associate Justice

  
ROBERT C. NARAÑA, Presiding Judge

  
DAVID A. WISEMAN, Associate Judge

  
KENNETH L. GOVENDO, Associate Judge


  
PERRY B. INOS, Associate Judge

JOSEPH N. CAMACHO, Associate Judge

#### U.S. DISTRICT COURT, NMI

  
RAMONA V. MANGLONA, Chief Judge

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