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Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE ERIC L. OLIVAREZ

**A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING
HONORABLE DIOSDADO PERALTA AS THE NEW SUPREME
COURT CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE PHILIPPINES**

WHEREAS, Justice Diosdado "Dado" Madarang Peralta was appointed as the 26th Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on October 23, 2019;

WHEREAS, he previously served as the 162nd Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines from January 13, 2009 to October 22, 2019;

WHEREAS, Justice Peralta started his career in government service in 1987 when he was appointed Third Assistant City Fiscal of Laoag City and consequently served in various capacity in the Office of the City Prosecutor of Manila;

WHEREAS, Justice Peralta was designated as a Presiding Justice of the Sandiganbayan in March 2008 and served in that capacity until his appointment to the Supreme Court, and to become the third Sandiganbayan Presiding Justice to be appointed to the High Tribunal;

WHEREAS, as a prosecutor, he was recognized as the *Most Outstanding Public Prosecutor of Manila* for the year 1990-1991 by the City of Manila, and the *Most Outstanding Public Prosecutor of the City of Manila* in 1994 by the Department of Justice;

WHEREAS, as a trial court judge, he was awarded a *Plaque of Commendation* in 1999 by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines - Quezon City Chapter for his speedy and scholarly disposition of criminal

cases; *Annual Pillars of the Criminal Justice System Award* in 1999 and in 2001 by the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption (VACC);

WHEREAS, he was conferred the *Special Centennial Awards in the Field of Criminal Law*, given by the Integrated Bar of the Philippines and the Supreme Court during the Court's Centennial Celebration on June 6, 2001;

WHEREAS, he was given the *Judicial Excellence Awards 2002 (Chief Justice Ramon Avanceña Award for Outstanding Regional Trial Court Judge)* by the Foundation for Judicial Excellence on June 14, 2002;

WHEREAS, he received several awards from different associations such as the *Ulirang Ama Sectoral Award on Law and Judiciary* from the Ulirang Ama Foundation in 2006; *The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni* by the University of Santo Tomas Alumni Association in 2008; and was conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws *Honoris Causa* by the Northwestern University, Laoag City in 2010;

WHEREAS, he was a member of the Supreme Court Committees that prepared the *Rules of Procedure for Environmental Cases* in 2010 and the *Rules of Procedure for Intellectual Property Rights Cases* in 2011. He also acted as *ex-officio* Chairperson of the Judicial and Bar Council during the search for a new Chief Justice in 2012;

WHEREAS, as a member of the Supreme Court, he served in various capacity in the different committees such as: Committee on the Revision of the Rules of Court (Mother Rule Committee), Sub-Committee on the Revision of the 1997 Rules of Civil Procedure, Special Committee for the Rules on Inspection of the Philippine Competition Commission, the Special Committee for the Rules of Procedure for Admiralty Cases, as well as the Sub-Committee for the Revision of the Rules of Procedure for Intellectual Property Rights Cases;

WHEREAS, he is also a member of the Board of Judges of the Society for Judicial Excellence and of the Sub-Committee on the Internal Rules of the Supreme Court, as well as the lead representative of the Judiciary Budget Committee since 2012;

WHEREAS, he is likewise a member of the following committees: Committee on the Rules on DNA Evidence; Committee on the Revision of the Philippine Benchbook for Trial Court Judges; the Judicial Reform

Support Project Management Committee and Chairperson of its Component Working Committee for Component D; the Committee on Legislative-Executive Relations (LERCOM); and the Sub-Committee on Evidence;

WHEREAS, he is the Chairperson of the Special Committee on Small Claims Cases, which drafted the revision of the *Rules of Procedure on Small Claims Cases* in 2015, and the Chairperson and main architect of the Special Committee on Speedy Trial which drafted the *2017 Revised Guidelines for Continuous Trial of Criminal Cases*;


WHEREAS, Justice Peralta was born on March 27, 1952 in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, to former Digos City, Davao del Sur and Manila Court of First Instance Judge Elviro Lazo Peralta and public school teacher Catalina Madarang Peralta;

WHEREAS, Justice Peralta is married to Court of Appeals Associate Justice Fernanda C. Lampas-Peralta, a certified public accountant-lawyer, with whom he has four children: Attorney Dorothy, John Christopher, Timothy John, and John Isaac;

WHEREAS, Justice Peralta finished his Bachelor of Science degree at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran in 1974 and his Law degree at the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Civil Law, where he graduated in 1979;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby RESOLVED that the House of Representatives extends its warmest congratulations and commendation to Honorable Diosdado Peralta as the new Supreme Court Chief of Justice.

ADOPTED,


ERIC L. OLIVAREZ