

Resolution 3 In Appreciation to The Pew Charitable Trusts

WHEREAS, Resolution 12: "In Support of Sentencing Practices that Promote Public Safety and Reduce Recidivism" adopted by the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators in 2007 encouraged Chief Justices and State Court Administrators to take a leadership role in their respective jurisdictions in addressing sentencing and corrections reform; and

WHEREAS, many Chief Justices, in collaboration with their executive and legislative branch colleagues, have now initiated efforts in their jurisdictions to promote:

- The use of evidence-based practices in sentencing/adjudication and supervision;
- The development and use of effective alternatives to incarceration and to reduce the over-reliance on incarceration while maintaining public safety;
- The development of guidance for courts regarding the use of risk and needs assessment information at sentencing;
- The use of data-driven decision making in sentencing and corrections; and

WHEREAS, the The Pew Charitable Trusts has been a major and most significant sponsor of the efforts in almost every state project investigating sentencing reform;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices expresses its profound gratitude to the THE PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS for its support of the efforts of the various state courts to reform sentencing in the United States justice system.

Adopted as proposed by the Southern Regional states of the Conference of Chief Justices; Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and the U.S. Virgin Islands, at the CCJ Midyear Meeting, January 26, 2011.