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GENERAL PROVISIONS**

§ 430.01. Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the CNMI.

The structure for the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI is hereby renamed “The Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the CNMI”.

Source: PL 22-09, § 2 (Oct. 25, 2021), modified.

Commission Comment: The Center for Living Independently is located in Saipan. This statute would therefore be most appropriately codified under Title 1, Chapter 4, Article 2. However, Article 2 only has space for 10 sections before giving way to Article 3, all of which have already been utilized by other enactments. Therefore, to ensure that PL 22-09 is codified in the most appropriate place, the Commission has renumbered it to § 430.01. Section 430.01 should not be viewed as a subset, subsection, or in any way related to § 430.01.

Public Law 22-09 took effect on October 25, 2021, and contained findings and purpose, enactment, severability, and savings provisions. According to PL 22-09:

Section 1. Findings And Purpose. The Legislature finds that the Commonwealth is enriched by the noble and selfless efforts of exceptional individuals who devote their time in the fields of education and advocacy support. The Center for Living Independently in the CNMI, whose mission is to ensure the rights of people with disabilities to live independently and fully integrate within the community, or outside of an institutional setting, has been the main ambition of Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol.

Her commitment and desire to assist people with disabilities to live independently have impacted the lives of so many people in our Commonwealth. Furthermore, Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol held many roles prior to dedicating her life work to the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI. A graduate of the University of Guam in Public Administration with an emphasis in Accounting, Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol distinguished herself in public education in the CNMI by dedicating 25 years of selfless service to the CNMI Public School System (PSS) from which she retired in December of 1988. After her retirement, Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol applied for the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living, a non-profit organization that sought to branch out their services and sparked a new interest that would hold near and dear to her heart.

The Legislature further finds that Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol was then hired as a Satellite Office Director under the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living, a position she held from June 2001-April 2005. Her dedication and passion to help people with disabilities and spread the Independent Living philosophy which included community outreach ultimately led to the fruitful opening of what is now the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI.

The Center for Living Independently in the CNMI has helped and assisted countless people with disabilities including students in the Northern Mariana Islands, through Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol’s advocacy. Her legacy of bringing much needed Independent Living skills and services for people

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with disabilities in the Northern Mariana Islands has left a profound impact in the Commonwealth. Therefore, it is suitable to rename the structure for the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI to “The Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the CNMI”.

In codifying PL 22-09, the Commission omitted drafting marks pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).