

**TITLE 1:
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

§ 471. Short Title.

This Article shall be known and cited as the “CNMI Cultural Masters Award Act.”

Source: PL 21-21, § 3 (§ 101) (Apr. 3, 2020), modified.

Commission Comment: In addition to severability and savings clause provisions, PL 21-21 included the following Short Title and Findings and Purposes sections:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act shall be cited as the “CNMI Cultural Masters Award Act of 2019”.

Section 2. Findings and Purposes. The Legislature finds that the indigenous cultures of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands consist of their respective traditions, healing and artistic practices, music, storytelling, and so forth. Throughout the centuries, these cultural practices have remained resilient and adapted to the contemporary conditions of each time period due in large part to the individuals who have dedicated their life’s work to the conservation of indigenous culture. Through the efforts of these individuals, the indigenous cultures of our Commonwealth have withstood the test of time and continue to persist in light of increasing globalization and technological advancement.

The Legislature recognizes that the preservation of our indigenous cultures is crucial to providing a sense of identity for future generations. Accordingly, the Legislature finds that it is imperative to honor those individuals who continue to perpetuate our cultural traditions and pay tribute to their contributions to our communities. Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to establish the CNMI Cultural Masters Award; and for other purposes.

The Commission numbered this article and all sections of this article pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(a) and changed “This Act” to “This Article” pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(d).