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Governor

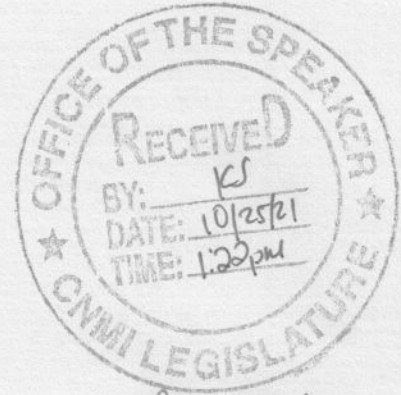
ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Lieutenant Governor

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

25 OCT 2021

The Honorable Edmund S. Villagomez
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
Commonwealth Legislature
Saipan, MP 96950

The Honorable Jude U. Hofschneider
President of the Senate
Twenty-Second Northern Marianas
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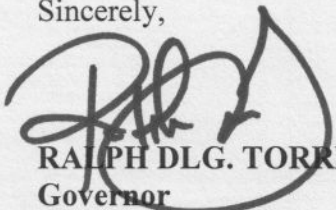
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Dear Mr. Speaker and Mr. President:


This is to inform you that I have signed into law **House Bill No. 22-28, HD1** entitled, "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; and for other purposes ." which was passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

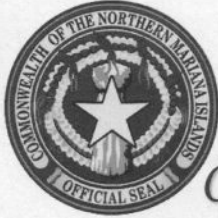
This bill becomes **Public Law No. 22-09**. Copies bearing my signature are forwarded for your reference.

Sincerely,


RALPH DLG. TORRES
Governor

cc: Lt. Governor; Press Secretary; Attorney General's Office; Center for Living Independently in the CNMI; Law Revision Commission; Public Auditor; Special Assistant for Administration; Special Assistant for Programs and Legislative Review

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*Twenty-Second Legislature
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

MARCH 16, 2021

REPRESENTATIVE EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*; Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai,) in an open and public meeting with an opportunity for the public to comment, introduced the following Bill:

H. B. No. 22-28, HD1

AN ACT

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"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Bill was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, which submitted Standing Committee Report 22-7; adopted 5/28/2021.

**THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON
FIRST AND FINAL READING, MAY 28, 2021;**
with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 22-28, HD1, and transmitted to
THE SENATE.

The Bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations, which submitted Standing Committee Report 22-44; adopted 9/14/2021.
THE BILL WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FIRST AND FINAL READING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021;
without amendments was returned to
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE BILL WAS FINALLY PASSED ON MAY 28, 2021.



Linda B. Muña, House Clerk



*Twenty-Second Legislature
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST DAY, SECOND SPECIAL SESSION

MAY 28, 2021

H. B. No. 22-28, HD1

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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”; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

2 The Legislature finds that the Commonwealth is enriched by the noble and selfless
3 efforts of exceptional individuals who devote their time in the fields of education and advocacy
4 support. The Center for Living Independently in the CNMI, whose mission is to ensure the
5 rights of people with disabilities to live independently and fully integrate within the

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1 community, or outside of an institutional setting, has been the main ambition of
2 Mrs. Lydia D. Igitol.

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

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

17 The Center for Living Independently in the CNMI has helped and assisted countless
18 people with disabilities including students in the Northern Mariana Islands, through Mrs. Lydia
19 D. Igitol's advocacy. Her legacy of bringing much needed Independent Living skills and
20 services for people with disabilities in the Northern Mariana Islands has left a profound impact
21 in the Commonwealth. Therefore, it is suitable to rename the structure for the Center for Living

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1 Independently in the CNMI to “The Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the
2 CNMI”.

3 **SECTION 2. ENACTMENT.**

4 **“§ 101. Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the CNMI.**

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

7 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

8 If any provisions of this Act or the application of any such provision to any person or
9 circumstance should be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this
10 Act or the application of its provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which
11 it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

12 **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**


13 This Act and any repealer contained herein shall not be construed as affecting any
14 existing right acquired under contract or acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule,
15 regulation, or order adopted under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect
16 any proceeding instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not
17 have the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal, which
18 shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

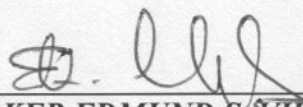
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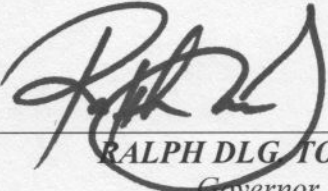
SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or its becoming law without such approval.

Attested to by: 
Linda B. Muña, House Clerk

Certified by: 
SPEAKER EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
House of Representatives
22nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

Approved this 25th day of October, 2021


RALPH DLG TORRES
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands