Center for Independent Living of NWFL Celebrates 43rd Anniversary

During the [July 18 Escambia County Board of County Commissioners meeting](), District 2 Commissioner Mike Kohler delivered a proclamation to the Center of Independent Living of Northwest Florida for their 43rd anniversary celebration. The Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida was established on July 1, 1980, to ensure that people with disabilities had access to service choices in the community. The organization works with residents in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties to bring forth the promise of hope, equality, inclusion, self-determination and freedom envisioned by the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The proclamation also recognized the 33rd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, passed on July 26, 1990. Escambia County affirms the principles of equality and inclusion for people with disabilities set forth in the State of Florida's Constitution, Article I, Section II, and as is embodied in the Americans with Disabilities Act, the laws of the State of Florida and ordinances of Escambia County. To celebrate both anniversaries, the Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida will host a ribbon cutting and open house Wednesday, July 26 from 2-4 p.m. at their facility, located at 21 S. Tarragona St., Suite 101.

Please call 850-595-5566 or email [info@cilnwf.org]() for more information. For reasonable accommodation to participate in the event, please call 850-595-5566, ext. 220, or [emailinfo@cilnwf.org]().

"The Center for Independent Living is an important organization here in Escambia County," said Commissioner Kohler. "I was honored to present the proclamation to recognize them for their hard work. I look forward to joining them at their event and hope the public will celebrate with us as well."

District 2 Commissioner Mike Kohler delivers a proclamation to Carolyn Grawi, Executive Director, Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida, during the July 18 BCC meeting.