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Nana I Ka Pono Na Ma

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Papa Ola Lokahi

is a non-profit Native Hawaiian organization founded in 1988 for the purpose of improving the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians and other native peoples of the Pacific and continental United States.

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STATEMENT OF DEEP LOSS:

Uwe o Deliana

Our state and its people have lost one of its pillars of support. There are few individuals that when tragedy strikes home, one takes a deep breath and lets out a wail from the na`au. Loretta Fuddy was one such person for whom we all uwe today. Loretta, or Deliana, as she would at times correct you, spent her life caring for families, children, and those in need. Her family was, in fact, all of us who call Hawai`i home. That is why, as Director of Health, she fit the job so well.

Papa Ola Lokahi (POL), the Native Hawaiian Health Board, is a consortium of public agencies and Native Hawaiian organizations. The Department of Health is one of the state agencies that sits on the POL board of directors. Under Deliana's direction, she made it known that she would personally attend board meetings and she did. Her perspective and years of experience serving Native Hawaiians and their families in the Health Department were and have been invaluable and we as fellow board members and staff mourn her passing. The emptiness that we all feel throughout Hawai`i can only be replaced by all of us striving to keep her memory alive by actively pursuing the values she espoused.

There is a Hawaiian proverb:

Make no ke kalo a ola i pahili

(The kalo may die but lives on in the young plants that it produces)

Deliana through her work and personal efforts touched multitudes throughout Hawai`i Nei. Many of her 'young plants' have matured only to give forth other keiki. Her lo`i runneth over. This is her `ohana and her legacy. She lives on through them.

A Hui Hou, Deliana, a hui hou.

Vivian Ainoa, President