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**INPEACE NAMES KANOE NĀONE AS CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER**
ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES FOURTEEN YEARS OF
SERVICE TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS

(Kapolei, Hawai'i) – The Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture (INPEACE) is pleased to announce that Kanoe Nāone has been named the non-profit education organization's newest Chief Executive Officer.

Nāone assumes the position as INPEACE's new leader effective October 1, 2007. She will oversee daily operations and strategic planning for the organization as it fulfills its mission of improving the quality of life for indigenous peoples of Hawai'i through education and culture. She will also lead efforts to develop new services and strategies to help meet client needs.

"Kanoe exemplifies everything that INPEACE's mission works toward," says Rae DeCoito, INPEACE Chief Operations Officer and interim Chief Executive Officer. "She recognizes that empowering Native Hawaiians through education will give them the opportunities they need to make systemic and generational change for themselves and their families," added DeCoito.

"As INPEACE's incoming CEO, I look forward to building on the tremendous legacy that the past CEO's have left," says Nāone. "The founders had a vision for our organization – one I intend to continue" she says. "Under Rae's leadership, INPEACE has continued to grow as a community organization that serves hundreds of Native Hawaiians in their communities across the state-ranging from family child interaction learning programs to workforce development via higher education."

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Nāone is currently a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa campus, where she earned both her B.A. and M.A. She will be graduating this December. Ms. Nāone will be leaving her position as the Community Relations and Development Director for Keiki O Ka 'Āina Family Learning Centers (KOKA-FLC) where she spear-headed their self-sustainability campaign and is responsible for all media and community relations for the agency. Nāone's strength lies in grant proposal development, writing, reporting and compliance, developing key multi-faceted programs and partnerships that are vital to community-desired outcomes, and working collaboratively towards a common goal.

Nāone is deeply involved in the communities she serves. She is a Kamehameha Publishing Board Member, an Act 259 Early Childhood Legislative Taskforce Member, a Good Beginnings Alliance Board Member as well as a member of the Na Lau Lama Planning Committee.

"There are many exciting initiatives taking place at INPEACE," says Nāone, "I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the organization into an exciting new era."

According to INPEACE Board President Larrilyn Holu Tamashiro, "Kanoë is well connected with early childhood organizations and education communities. As she conducts the business of our agency, we believe she will be able to affect educational strategies and opportunities by influencing individuals, agencies, and policy makers to promote a better quality of life for Native Hawaiians and our community at large."

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INPEACE is committed to improving the quality of life for Native Hawaiians through community partnerships that provide educational opportunities and promote self-sufficiency. The organization ensures quality by integrating a creative approach to teaching; through a variety of unique culturally based programs; and by ensuring services in early care and education for all Hawaiians. Through its free direct service programs, Keiki Steps, SPARK, Keiki Steps to Kindergarten and Ka Lama Education Academy, INPEACE offers families important education options.