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**NEW MAUI AND KAUA'I COMMISSIONERS
APPOINTED TO HAWAII STATE
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Honolulu, Hawai'i – The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women announces the appointment of two new commissioners. Stacey Moniz will represent Maui county and Edie Ignacio Neumiller will represent Kaua'i county. Executive Director Khara Jabola-Carolus stated, "The COVID-19 pandemic has evolved into a gendered crisis with women in Hawai'i facing disproportionate job losses, increased gender-caused violence, and potentially higher infection risk as the majority of essential workers. The Commission is thrilled to welcome two champion women advocates as we face the layered challenges for women on the road to recovery from COVID-19."

Moniz succeeds former Maui Commissioner and Chair Leslie Wilkins who was appointed in 1996. Ignacio Neumiller succeeds former Kaua'i Commissioner Sierra Hampton-Eng who was appointed in 2019.

Stacey Moniz, Maui Commissioner, is from Pukalani, Maui, and is the Executive Director for The Maui Farm, a therapeutic farm that offers transitional housing and programs for women and their children.

After surviving domestic violence herself, Commissioner Moniz spent over 30 years advocating for victims of domestic violence and helped to create and support the improvement of many laws relating to domestic violence, restraining orders, stalking, and strangulation. Commissioner Moniz has served on the boards of both the Hawai'i State and National Coalitions Against Domestic Violence, as well as Maui County task forces and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review. Commissioner Moniz is the President of Soroptimists International, whose mission is also to benefit the lives of women and girls.

"It is an incredible honor to be invited to serve our community in this way," Commissioner Moniz said, "The State Commission has a powerful history of making a difference for women and girls in our State. I hope to bring helpful contributions to the table."



Stacey Moniz, Maui Commissioner

Edie Ignacio Neumiller, Kaua'i Commissioner, has been a Commission Support Clerk for the Board of Water at the Department of Water for the past eight years. Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller is the Zonta Area 1 Director for Hawai'i, is a member of the Kaua'i County Committee on the Status of Women, and Social Media Advocate for Kaua'i Fashion Weekend. Prior to being Kaua'i's Commissioner, Ignacio Neumiller was the former President of Zonta Club of Kaua'i and the former Director of Kaua'i Filipino Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller was the lead in establishing the Human Trafficking Forum on Kaua'i, as well as championing Title IX for equality in women's sports, specifically for the University of Hawai'i Wahine Women's Volleyball team. Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller volunteers her time by keeping the community aware of empowering topics and issues relating to women and girls' rights.

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“I will continue to use my voice on important issues to support women in Hawai‘i,” said Commissioner Ignacio Neumiller.



Edie Ignacio Neumiller, Kaua‘i Commissioner

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