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**HAU‘OLI MAU LOA FOUNDATION ELECTS
JAMES KOSHIBA TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

HONOLULU, HAWAI‘I (December 8, 2014) – Hau‘oli Mau Loa Foundation recently elected James Koshiba to its Board of Directors. Koshiba joins three other board members and will serve a five-year term.

Well-versed in nonprofit operations, Koshiba is the co-founder and former executive director of Kanu Hawai‘i, a nonprofit working to build a social movement for more sustainable, compassionate and resilient communities rooted in island values and personal commitments to change. Since stepping down as executive director in 2013, he has worked as a writer, community organizer and consultant to nonprofit and educational organizations in Hawai‘i and the Western United States.

“We’re so pleased to welcome James as the newest member of our board,” said Executive Director Janis Reischmann. “Given his background, his values and the fresh perspective he brings, I’m confident his service will be of huge benefit to the board and the Foundation as a whole.”

Prior to founding Kanu Hawai‘i, Koshiba worked in community development finance as an investment analyst and special projects manager with Boston Community Capital and held adjunct faculty positions at the University of Hawai‘i and Chaminade University, teaching courses in entrepreneurship and community economic development.

Active in the community, Koshiba has served on the boards of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Enterprise Honolulu, Aloha United Way and Envision Hawai‘i. Born and raised in Hawai‘i, he received his bachelor’s degree from Brown University and a master’s degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

About Hau‘oli Mau Loa Foundation

Hau‘oli Mau Loa Foundation is a private grantmaking foundation established in 1990 by Helga Glaesel-Hollenback who, in her words, “found great happiness on the islands of Hawai‘i” and through her philanthropy sought “to return the generosity of the islands.” The Foundation provides support in five program areas which are generally focused on issues affecting children and youth and the environment. Most of the Foundation’s work is in Hawai‘i, however it does support humanitarian relief and environmental work in the Global South. For more information, call (808) 545-4212 or visit www.hauolimauloa.org.