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**ACLU OF HAWAI'I NAMES CARMELA RESUMA
AS NEW DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I: The ACLU of Hawai'i is pleased to announce **Carmela Resuma** as its new **Development Director**. This position is part of the ACLU affiliate's strategic effort to increase its capacity and reach in advancing civil rights and liberties for people throughout Hawai'i.

Carmela Resuma comes to the ACLU of Hawai'i with nearly two decades of experience working with equity-focused organizations where she has served as an executive director, chief of staff, operations manager, college professor, development director, and strategic advisor.

In 2015, after working in various capacities at the New York City Department of Education, Resuma started her own consulting firm to pursue her dreams of working remotely while traveling the world. Through her company, she has helped Fortune 500 companies use quantitative data to better serve their target markets, engaged stakeholders and facilitated strategic planning processes for major universities and international NGOs, built teams to help businesses scale their impact, and implemented strategies that exponentially increased funding for organizations.

Most recently, Resuma served as the Executive Director of FLYTE, an organization that empowers youth from underserved communities by creating access to study abroad opportunities. In that role, she led the operations and growth of the organization, which included strategic planning, program management, and development.

A daughter of immigrants from the Philippines, Resuma was born and raised in New Jersey and received her Master of Public Administration from New York University as well as her Bachelor of Arts in Social Justice Studies and Mathematics from Saint Elizabeth University. She is also a seasoned long-term traveler, proud mathlete, devoted mālama 'āina volunteer, and has the uncanny ability to locate the best chocolate chip cookie in most major metropolitan areas.

Of her role as **Development Director, Carmela Resuma** said, “I’m truly humbled to join the ACLU of Hawai’i and use my skills to serve an organization that creates systemic change and advocates for the most disenfranchised members of our community.”

ACLU of Hawai’i **Executive Director, Scott Greenwood** said, “Growing the resources and support needed to sustain our work is critical to protecting the civil rights and liberties of people across Hawai’i. Carmela’s expertise in development and wealth of experience in the non-profit and government sectors, including her work as an executive director, consultant, and high-ranking staffer to top NYC officials, makes her a true utility player. As someone who is extremely aligned with our mission and organizational values, she is a much-welcomed addition to our senior leadership team and will better enable us to serve the people of Hawai’i.”

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The mission of the Hawai’i affiliate of the ACLU is to protect the civil liberties contained in the state and federal constitutions through litigation, legislative and public education programs statewide. The ACLU is funded primarily through private donations and offers its services at no cost to the public. The ACLU does not accept any government funds