

**RESOLUTION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
Wednesday, October 6, 2021**

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Resolved,

That the Board of Directors  
of the  
Corporation for Public Broadcasting  
Expresses its Heartfelt Condolences  
to the Family, Friends, and Colleagues of

**Leanne Ka‘iulani Ferrer**

Award-Winning Producer

Co-creator, *Pacific Heartbeat*

Program Director, Pacific Islanders in Communications, 2008-2013

Executive Director, Pacific Islanders in communications, 2013-2021

We will long remember with gratitude Leanne’s contributions to public media, as an award-winning producer and as program director and executive director of Pacific Islanders in Communications.

Leanne dedicated her career to creating ways to help public media appreciate and celebrate the richness and beauty of Pacific Islander culture. Her vision, leadership, and tireless work enabled Pacific Islanders to tell their stories through film and advanced the representation of Pacific Islanders and their diverse cultures.

Leanne co-created the series *Pacific Heartbeat*, the public television anthology series that has expanded understanding of Pacific Islander voyaging cultures and diaspora. She also created two short films that aired on the PBS series Colorvision.

Leanne treated all the people in her life with compassion and understanding. Her extraordinary work on behalf of Pacific Islanders in Communications, the BIPOC community and to public media will continue to inspire us all.

We offer our deepest condolences to Leanne’s family, friends and colleagues at Pacific Islanders in Communications.