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'AWA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL HOSTS ANNUAL FESTIVAL

On Saturday, October 11th, the 'Awa Development Council of Hawai'i will be hosting the *Hawai'i Pacific Islands Kava Festival* on the UH-Manoa campus McCarthy Mall area between Varney Circle and Hamilton Library from 9am-5:30pm. The theme of the event is "I Maluhia ka Honua." So the world may be at peace.

'Awa, or kava, is the sacred plant of Hawai'i and Polynesia, and is playing a central role in the resurgence of Hawaiian cultural practices. Learn about 'awa from Hawaiian cultural practitioners, 'awa growers, health and nutrition specialists, and expert scientists. In addition to kava being available to drink, there will be Hawaiian crafts, a live art exhibition by artist Solomon Enos, an apu ('awa bowl) making workshop, food, poi pounding, plants and live music from 10a. Currently scheduled performers include Guy Cruz, Kupa'aina, Steve Inglis, The GirLas, Michael Tannenbaum, Matty McIntire, Nick Ponce, Simple Souls, and some special guest appearances for a post-festival kanikapila.

Two commemorative Kava Festival T-shirts will also be available for sale. One will be designed by one of the state's most renown depictees of old Hawaii, Dietrich Varez. Another by an emerging Native Hawaiian artist and scholar, Matthew "Chuna" Kaopio.