

Nālimakui Native Hawaiian Council

University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu

PROCLAMATION FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE ON MAUNA KEA

Whereas, The purpose of Nālimakui Native Hawaiian Council is to provide a voice and organization through which the Native Hawaiian faculty, staff, students, and administrators of the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu can participate in the development of an indigenous serving institution, including the interpretation of campus policy and practice as it relates to Native Hawaiian programs, activities, initiatives, and issues.

Whereas, The Native people of Hawai'i are unique by virtue of their ancestral ties to the 'āina, their mo'olelo, history, language, culture, knowledge, and spirituality. The Nālimakui Council, envisions a University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu committed to the development of a pono¹ Hawai'i, including but not limited to the empowerment, advancement, and self-determination of Kānaka Maoli, through distinctly Hawaiian instruction, research, and service.

Whereas, The University of Hawai'i has declared itself committed to becoming a model indigenous-serving institution.

Whereas, The Nālimakui Council believes that in order for the University of Hawai'i to meet this goal, its leadership must honor and respect the indigenous culture and people of the land on which it resides.

Whereas, The Nālimakui Council believes the University of Hawai'i has a duty to prioritize the safe and ethical treatment of students, staff, faculty, and community members above the interests of the university's other stakeholders.

Whereas, police on Maui Island have in the past used excessive physical force on peaceful kia'i seeking to stop a University of Hawai'i affiliated project on Haleakalā.

Whereas, the failure of University of Hawai'i leadership to speak forcefully against potential uses of excessive force has contributed to a widespread atmosphere of suspicion and distrust.

Whereas, in their efforts to protect Maunakea the Kia'i have developed, promoted, and acted under Kapu Aloha, a commitment to non-violence and to aloha as a guiding principle to action and thought.

¹ pono

1. nvs. Goodness, uprightness, morality, moral qualities, correct or proper procedure, excellence, well-being, prosperity, welfare, benefit, behalf, equity, sake, true condition or nature, duty; moral, fitting, proper, righteous, right, upright, just, virtuous, fair, beneficial, successful, in perfect order, accurate, correct, eased, relieved; should, ought, must, necessary.

Therefore, in regards to the Kia'i *protectors* of Maunakea, we invite and urge the university leadership to stand with us in promoting the principles of kapu aloha in all actions on the mountain including those carried out by the State and County in support of the TMT.

The Nālimakui Native Hawaiian Council of the University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu condemns any violations or incitements of violence as violations of Kapu Aloha and invite and urge the University to join us in condemning any and all physical or psychological abuse against the protectors including but not limited to:

1. The use of excessive force, including the use of batons, pepper spray or other chemical agents, or choke holds.
2. The use of Long Range Acoustic Devices (LRADs) as a weapon.
3. Any arrests not processed using established procedures and norms under Hawai'i law.
4. Any and all efforts to incite violence, such as the actions of heavily armed and armored officers who cut the Hawaiian flag during the police action on Friday, September 6, 2019.

Furthermore, the Council calls for the University to request a halt to all police action on Maunakea until legitimate negotiations between the Kia'i leadership and government leaders have taken place.

This proclamation is released with full support of the Nālimakui Native Hawaiian Council on this 17th day of September 2019.



Native Hawaiian Advisory Council
Ke Kulanui Kaiāulu o Ke Ko'olau
Windward Community College

Proclamation for Safety of Windward Community College 'Ohana on Mauna Kea

Whereas, the purpose of Ke Kumu Pali (KKP) is to provide a voice and organization through which the Native Hawaiian faculty, staff, students and administrators of WCC can participate in the development and interpretation of campus policy and practice as it relates to Native Hawaiian programs, activities, initiatives, and issues,

Whereas, the KKP Council demands the safe and ethical treatment of all students and faculty of our college, even when faced with opposition from its own stakeholder groups,

Whereas, the KKP Council adjures the University of Hawai'i leadership to honor and respect the indigenous culture and people of the land on which it resides,

Therefore, in regards to the protectors of Mauna Kea, the following activities are **STRONGLY OPPOSED** by the Ke Kumu Pali Native Hawaiian advisory council of the Windward Community College as assaults against the people it serves:

- 1) Use of excessive force, including the use of batons, choke holds, pepper spray, or the LRAD sound cannon.
- 2) 12 hour or longer detainment in dangerous containers on US Federal military bases. Any arrests are to be processed under Hawaii law at the Hilo police facilities.
- 3) Military helicopters in rotar wash tactics to blow tent facilities and occupants down

Furthermore, the Council denounces the actions of officers who cut the Hawaiian flag in half during the police action on Friday, September 6, 2019. The council demands actions to be taken to protect important symbols of the Native Hawaiian people under Hawai'i State law relating to desecration and inciting violence.

Furthermore, the Council calls for a halt to all police action on Mauna Kea until legitimate negotiations between the Kia'i leadership and government leaders have taken place.

This proclamation is released with full support of the Ke Kumu Pali Council this 10th day of September 2019.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I MAUI COLLEGE
ACADEMIC SENATE
310 West Ka'ahumanu Road
Kahului, HI 96732

Academic Senate Resolution
Academic Year (AY) 2019

**IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF HAWAI'I RIGHT TO EXERCISE THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT
CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IN REGARDS TO MAUNAKEA AND THE THIRTY
METER TELESCOPE (TMT)**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I MAUI COLLEGE (UHMC)
ACADEMIC SENATE:

Whereas Mauna a Wākea (Maunakea), on Hawai'i Island, is the Wao Akua, realm of Wākea, meeting place of Papahānaumoku and Wākea, creators of Kānaka 'Oiwi, or native people of Hawai'i, home to *nā akua*, or gods, and 'aumākua, or ancestral family gods.

Whereas the State of Hawai'i, University of Hawai'i (UH), and Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) failed in their management of Mauna Kea based on the State of Hawai'i audit reports in 1998, 2005, 2014, and 2017.

Whereas, according to the State of Hawai'i Audit Reports of 1998, 2005, 2014, and 2017, UH failed to uphold its trust obligation of the management of Mauna Kea.

Whereas the UH failed to remove observatory structures as part of the Decommissioning Plan set-forth in the new Comprehensive Management Plan.

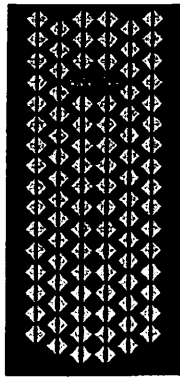
Whereas a UH environmental study concludes that astronomy activities contributed to "substantial and adverse" impacts to the natural and cultural resources of Mauna Kea.

Whereas the UH, through the Board of Regent (BOR) approved mission and the integration of said mission into the 2015-2021 Strategic Directions, strives to be "a foremost indigenous-serving institution."

Whereas the Constitution of the United States of America and the aforementioned contributes to the students, faculty, and staff of the UH exercising their constitutional First Amendment Rights.

Be it resolved that the UHMC Academic Senate reaffirm our commitment to acknowledging and supporting the constitutional First Amendment Rights of students, faculty, and staff of the UH to conduct sit-ins, wade-ins, teach-ins, preach-ins, protest marches, and other such non-violent forms of rights of protest including the acts of civil resistance and civil disobedience.

Be it resolved that the UHMC Academic Senate supports UHMC Lau‘ulu (a member of Pūko‘a, an advisory council to the President) and their position opposing the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope.



**‘Aha Kalāualani
Native Hawaiian Council at Kapi‘olani Community College**

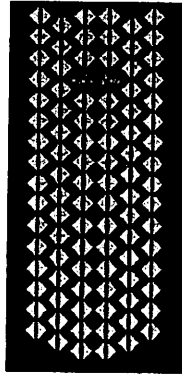
**Statement in Support of Maunakea Kia‘i
September 16, 2019**

‘Aha Kalāualani, the Native Hawaiian Council at Kapi‘olani Community College, reaffirms its commitment to the protection of Maunakea and continues to stand with Maunakea Kia‘i, who have gathered to protect her in Kapu Aloha. We join our voices with the University of Hawai‘i Native Hawaiian Councils systemwide in ensuring the rights of our students, staff and faculty in standing for Maunakea. We are deeply concerned for the safety of our Kapi‘olani Community College students, who have expressed concern that they are not being heard.

‘Aha Kalāualani strongly condemns any use of excessive force by local law enforcement and the National Guard to remove Kia‘i (Protectors) of Maunakea, who remain committed to peaceful and non-violent occupation on Maunakea. We strongly oppose any use of chemical agents, physical force and/or the use of intimidation of Kia‘i. We also want to extend the safety to our campus, where students, staff and faculty can express their concerns on both sides without any fear or repercussions.

In addition, ‘Aha Kalāualani urges the leadership of the University of Hawai‘i to fulfill their kuleana (responsibilities) to Native Hawaiian(s) as stated in Hawai‘i Papa O Ke Ao (2012): “Native Hawaiian values are included in its decision-making practices.” Evidently this is not happening as there is continued mismanagement of Maunakea by the University of Hawai‘i and lack of any discussion with the Pūko‘a Council. One purpose of Pūko‘a Council is to: “provide advice and information to the President of the University on issues that have particular relevance for Native Hawaiians and for Native Hawaiian culture, language and history.” We implore the University of Hawai‘i President and Board of Regents to respond to the University’s community with a plan of action to resolve this issue and a commitment to the protection of our community at Maunakea.

‘Aha Kalāualani supports the departure of all law enforcement entities from the area where the Maunakea Kia‘i are residing. It is kūpono for the Maunakea Kia‘i, the University of Hawai‘i and the State of Hawai‘i to hold a meaningful conversation. ‘Aha Kalāualani also supports that the caring of Maunakea be given to ka lāhui Hawai‘i. Maunakea is our Sacred Nu‘u. E Kūlia I Ka Nu‘u.



‘Aha Kalāualani
Ka ‘Aha ‘Ōiwi ma Kapi‘olani Kula Nui Kaiāulu

Ka ‘Ōlelo Kāko‘o no Nā Kia‘i o Maunakea
16, Kepakemapa, MH 2019

Kāko‘o maoli, hō‘oia hou a kūpa‘a ka ‘Aha ‘Ōiwi ma Kapi‘olani Kula Nui Kaiāulu, ‘o ia ho‘i ‘o ‘Aha Kalāualani i ka mālama pono iā Maunakea a ho‘omau maoli i ke kūlike me nā Kia‘i o Maunakea, na lākou i lāhui mai e ho‘opālama iā Maunakea ma o ke Kapu Aloha. Hāpai ‘ia ko mākou leo me nā leo o nā ‘Aha ‘Ōiwi a pau o Ke Kula Nui o Hawai‘i e mālama i nā pono o kā mākou po‘e haumāna ‘oe, limahana ‘oe, a pēlā pū me nā kumu e kū pa‘a ana ma Maunakea. Komo wale ka hopohopo i loko o mākou no ka palekana o kā mākou haumāna Kapi‘olani, ho‘olohe ‘ole ‘ia lākou.

Ho‘āhewa ‘ia e Kalāualani ke kūlē ‘ia ‘ana o nā Kia‘i o Maunakea ma o ka ho‘oha‘akoi ‘ia ‘ana e nā Māka‘i, Māka‘i Aupuni. ‘O Nā Kia‘i Maunakea ka mea nāna e kū‘ē me ke kapu aloha. Ālai mākou i nā ‘ano hana ho‘opilikia a pau i nā Kia‘i Maunakea. Mana‘olana mākou, hiki iā kākou ke kū i ka pāpā‘ale, he pu‘uhonua ke Kula Nui, kahi i hiki i nā haumāna, nā limahana, me nā kumu ke hō‘ike aku i ko lākou mana‘o, no‘ono‘o, me ka maka‘u ‘ole, me ka hilahila ‘ole, me ka ‘oia‘i‘o.

Ho‘olā‘au ‘o ‘Aha Kalāualani i nā alaka‘i o Ke Kula Nui o Hawai‘i e ho‘okō i ko lākou kuleana i ka Lāhui Hawai‘i, ka mea nō, i palapala ‘ia ma ka palapala ‘o Hawai‘i Papa O Ke Ao (MH2012): “Me nā lawena Hawai‘i e ho‘oholo ‘ia ai ka mana‘o.” I kēia manawa nō, ‘a‘ole nō e ho‘oholo ‘ia ka mana‘o me nā lawena waiwai, ‘ikea ma o ka ‘ānunu me ka pākaha o ke Kula Nui o Hawai‘i iā Maunakea. A ku‘inehe ka Ululā‘au o ‘Aha Pūko‘a. ‘O kekahi kumu o ‘Aha Pūko‘a, ‘o ia ho‘i: “E ho‘ākaaka ‘ike i ka Pelekikena o Ke Kula Nui o Hawai‘i e pili i nā hanana like ‘ole o ka lāhui Hawai‘i, ka ‘ōlelo ‘oe, ka mō‘aukala ‘oe, me ka mo‘omeheu Hawai‘i.” Koi aku mākou i ka Pelekikena me ka Papa O Nā Kahu Kula o ke Kula Nui o Hawai‘i e pane aku i ke kaiāulu o Ke Kula Nui me kekahi papa ho‘olālā e kāko‘o i ka Lāhui Hawai‘i a e mālama i ko mākou kaiāulu ma Maunakea.

Kāko‘o ‘o ‘Aha Kalāualani i ka ho‘oha‘alele ‘ia o nā māka‘i i kahi o nā Kia‘i Maunakea e unonoho ala. He kūpono nō ka pāpā‘ōlelo ma waena o nā Kia‘i Maunakea, Ke Kula Nui o Hawai‘i a me ke Aupuni o Hawai‘i. Kū ‘o ‘Aha Kalāualani i ka mālama ‘ia ‘ana o Maunakea e ka Lāhui Hawai‘i. ‘O Maunakea ko mākou Nu‘u Kapu. E Kūlia I Ka Nu‘u.



**Official Statement on Mauna Kea from
Hawaiian Programs at Honolulu Community College
September 13, 2019**

As one of seven campuses of the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges that is committed to becoming a model indigenous-serving institution, the Kupu Ka Wai Hawaiian Council and Kūlana Hawai'i Hawaiian Division at Honolulu Community College condemn the actions of the University of Hawai'i, State Department of Transportation, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and State of Hawai'i on Mauna Kea and express their support for the kia'i (protectors) who have taken a stand to defend the 'āina.

The Kupu Ka Wai Hawaiian Council and Kūlana Hawai'i Hawaiian Division are the primary entities responsible for supporting Native Hawaiian staff, faculty, and students at Honolulu Community College. Kupu Ka Wai is the sole governing body at the college that provides recommendations to the Chancellor representing the interests of Native Hawaiian faculty, staff, and students. The Council's mission is to nurture and sustain Honolulu Community College as a Hawaiian place of learning. Kūlana Hawai'i is comprised of the Nā Papa Hawai'i Hawaiian Language and Studies Courses, Ka Māla o Niuhelewai, Ka Wa'a 'o Kamauheheu, and Hulili Ke Kukui Hawaiian Center. The Division's mission is to perpetuate Hawaiian knowledge and traditional practices. Kupu Ka Wai and Kūlana Hawai'i do not believe the actions on Mauna Kea align with these missions.

The issues on Mauna Kea shed light on a history of injustices against the Hawaiian people. This conflict is not about science vs. culture. We are staunch supporters of science, as is evidenced by the numerous Native Hawaiian-serving STEM programs on our campus including the Kūkala'ula STEM Pathways Program, Po'i Nā Nalu Native Hawaiian Career & Technical Education Program, Ho'omānalo'wai STEM Student & Teacher Preparation Program, OHA STEM Scholarship, Hālau Ola Honua Partnerships for Geoscience Education, Pre-Engineering Education Collaborative, and the Strategic Transfer Alliance for Minority Participation Bridges to Baccalaureate program. In addition, our college is the only campus that offers a concentration in traditional Hawaiian navigation through our Hawaiian Studies Associate in Arts degree. Students in the program gain hands-on experience in voyaging techniques that successfully merge Hawaiian cultural practices and STEM.

We believe in STEM initiatives that do not cause harm or divide the community. We oppose the process by which TMT was allowed to proceed despite environmental and cultural concerns and large community opposition to the project. We believe in a collaborative process grounded in "Pono Science," which includes the culture, values, and voice of Native Hawaiians. Available reports, including and not limited to the Environmental Impact Statements and Comprehensive Management Reports, do not demonstrate that Pono Science was a part of the TMT permitting process. Furthermore, both the

Supreme Court and Governor of Hawai'i have acknowledged a history of mismanagement on Mauna Kea, which casts doubts on the University of Hawai'i's ability to move forward on this project without causing more degradation.

For these reasons, the Kupu Ka Wai Council and Kūlana Hawai'i Hawaiian Division are opposed to the following actions by the State of Hawai'i, Department of Transportation, and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands:

- 1) Use of excessive force against the protectors of Mauna Kea;
- 2) Failure to include leadership from the Kia'i in the negotiations process;
- 3) Failure to acknowledge the sacredness and cultural importance of Mauna Kea to the Hawaiian people;
- 4) Desecration of the Hae Hawai'i, a symbol of Hawaiian national pride and cultural identity;
- 5) Discriminatory issuance of traffic citations against Kia'i on Daniel K. Inouye Highway; and
- 6) Harassment of kūpuna positioned on the Mauna Kea Access Road (i.e. shining high beam lights into the kūpuna tents late at night).

Furthermore, many Honolulu Community College faculty, staff, and students have been, and continue to support Kia'i on Mauna Kea. Our students, especially those who oppose TMT, have expressed concern that they do not feel supported by the University of Hawai'i. We encourage their civic engagement, and we are committed to providing them with safe spaces on our campus. If we are to become a truly indigenous-serving institution, we ask that the University of Hawai'i commit to the following:

- 1) Provide safe spaces for our faculty, staff, and students to express their concerns;
- 2) Provide safe spaces for faculty, staff, and students to learn more about *both* sides of this issue;
- 3) Listen to concerns from the Native Hawaiian community;
- 4) Protect students (on either side of the issue) from harassment by staff and faculty;
- 5) Ensure that students who decide to stand with the Kia'i on Mauna Kea are not subject to excessive force or harassment.

This statement is released with full support from members of the Kupu Ka Wai Hawaiian Council and members of the Kūlana Hawai'i Hawaiian Division at Honolulu Community College.