

HAWAIIANS SUPPORT TMT



I believe totally in getting the new telescope built on Mauna Kea. Our ancestors studied the heavens. Now a new generation of Hawaiians can have the opportunity to advance what they discovered. A telescope that can accomplish this maintains the sacredness of the mountain.

~ The kahuna nui, or high priestess of Mo'okini Heiau, Leimomi o Kamehae Kuamo'o Mo'okini Lum

I see Mauna Kea as a special place that allows us to understand and study our origins. As one's origin and genealogy are critical aspects of Hawaiian culture, I view the pursuit of astronomy on Mauna Kea to be a beautiful blend of culture and science.

~Heather Kaluna Astronomer, UH



The TMT is made up of the Pacific Rim nations of Canada, the U.S., Japan, India and China. What better purpose can we aspire to than cooperation among nations, rather than war? And what better place for cooperation than on Mauna Kea, in Hawaii, the land of aloha?

~Richard Ha, local businessman

The telescopes on Maunakea represent mankind's most advanced search for knowledge and understanding, as learning has been and will continue to be an important part of our cultural practices. In a way, the TMT project is like a search for the aumakua or ancestral origins of the universe. How is this any different from us as native Hawaiians searching for own roots in things both natural and spiritual?

~Wallace Ishibashi Senior Advisor, OMKM



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“As a Native Hawaiian,
I believe Maunakea
is a deeply spiritual place.
We just need to have
the collective will
to share the Mauna.”

– Kalepa Baybayan,
Master Navigator
and Captain



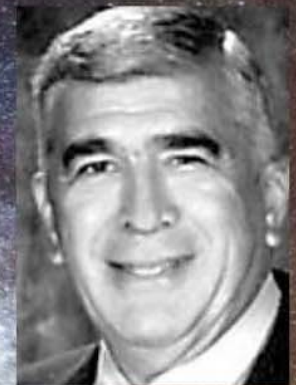
“I’m very proud
to identify myself as
a Native Hawaiian. At the same time,
I’m also a scientist, I’m an astronomer
and I believe that these two aspects
of me can coexist.
And I believe that astronomy
and the culture can coexist
on Mauna Kea.”

–Mailani Neal
Native Hawaiian
Astronomy Student



“Maunakea is the
only peak anchored in
the Pacific Ocean that provides for
the excellent conditions to explore
the heavens. We feel that Maunakea
Is a sacred gift from the creator God,
planned from the foundation of the world
to confirm the Intelligent Design
of this massive universe.”

–Leningrad Elarionoff
resident of Waimea



“He kanaka ‘ōiwi au
ā me kāko‘o au i
ka ‘ohe nānā
kanakolu mika.
I am a Native Hawaiian
and
I support the TMT.”

–Naea Stevens
Native Hawaiian



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**THE HISTORIC
LEGACY
OF MAUNA KEA
MUST CONTINUE
ITS CONTRIBUTION TO
SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE.**

-Judge Walter Meheula Heen
Former Director
Mauna Kea Management,
Hawaiian Affairs
Trustee

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TO ME BECAUSE IT'S A WAY
TO QUANTIFY OUR MOST
SACRED OLI Ā MELE.
OUR KUPUNA SPOKE ABOUT
THE COSMOS. IT ECHOES THROUGH
OUR FOLKLORE AND HULA...
TMT MEANS THERE WILL BE YOUNG
HAWAIIAN ASTRONOMERS WORKING
ON MAUNAKEA
AT THE BEST OBSERVATORIES IN THE WORLD.
THEIR DISCOVERIES WILL FALL IN LINE
WITH THE OLDEST CHANTS
LIKE MELE HANAU NO KAUIKEAOULI.
MAUNAKEA REMAINS THE
BEST LOCATION FOR TMT.
-Veronica Ohara
Kanaka Maoli
Native Hawaiian



**THE REASON
WE SUPPORT TMT
IS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE
IT IS BEING DONE
THE RIGHT WAY.
WE REALLY NEED THESE
STEM JOBS
AND HAWAII ISLAND IS SO LIMITED...
WE TOLD THEM
THAT WE NEEDED MORE FUNDING
FOR STEM EDUCATION TO
PAY THEIR FAIR SHARE OF RENT
AND THEY LISTENED.
THEY FOLLOWED THROUGH.**

-Amber Imai-Hong
Hawaii Space
Flight Laboratory

**TMT IS A NECESSITY.
THE WHOLE WORLD
DEPENDS ON ASTRONOMY.
FOR SAFETY, DISCOVERY,
AND GATHERING EVIDENCE...
MY WHOLE LIFE, IT WAS
A NORMAL THING TO HAVE
TELESCOPES ON OUR MAUNA.
THEY GO HAND IN HAND,
AND I CAN SEE WHY.
THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE
THEN HAWAII.**

-Artrina De Lima
Hawaiian resident



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As a resident of Hawaii Island, and a Native Hawaiian, I believe that our Island provides a living laboratory for science. From mauka to makai we can access astronomy, volcanology, geology and marine sciences. We need to be leaders in melding science and culture because as we already know, the Hawaiians had a strong and prospering society before western contact. Science can learn from us, and while we cannot go back, we can move forward together! Just as the Hokulea relied on both traditional navigation supported by the instruments of their escort vessel, we need to find a way to embrace each other and become leaders for the world.



Angela Thomas

Educator from Waimea



**Kauionalani
Onodera**
Mechanical Engineer

I think telescopes maintain the sanctity of the mauna, worshipping the sky through observation and servicing a goal of bringing humankind closer to understanding creation of life in the universe. It isn't traditional but neither were the ahu erected on the mauna, which didn't diminish their sanctity to those who built it. I don't want to be afraid to say "Imua TMT" and want everyone to proceed with respect, on the common ground that we want what is best for Hawaii's future.

It isn't Hawaiians versus desecration. It isn't a war on culture and science. It isn't an issue where only Native Hawaiians get to have a say because we are no longer the only ones who live here.



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The TMT
is poised to make
the most important
discovery of all time:
Life on another planet.
It'd be cool to give that planet
a Hawaiian name. A name that will
spread the Hawaiian language
to every corner of the globe
and into perpetuity.

-Chris King
Computer Engineer



I am proud that my lineage
includes both Native Hawaiian and
Native American plus other Polynesian,
European and Asian ancestry. I am grateful
to have been born and raised in Hawaii
with Hawaiian values, thought processes,
and traditions. AND I support TMT
which does not mean that
as a Native Hawaiian,
all is forgotten and forgiven.

-Jacqui Hoover
Native Hawaiian
Economic Development
Executive Director



I am in support
of TMT
and I can't wait
to take my kids
up there to look
at the stars.

-Ikaika Kamaiopili
Native Hawaiian
TMT Supporter



If
Kamehameha I
was ruling Mauna Kea
today he would build
a heiau (temple) platform
and mount the
TMT on it.

-Peter Apo
former Trustee,
Office of
Hawaiian Affairs



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Oliver Crowell
Native Hawaiian
Kamehameha Schools
graduate

When I think of the opportunities that today's children will have because of what TMT is doing to help them in their education, it just amazes me. You know, those fields are so important for our kids and they're getting it right now on the Big Island.



Kyla Edison
Geologist

As a native Hawaiian, I think that Mauna Kea is a special place to not only natives but to everyone in Hawai'i. Mauna Kea is a place to learn, a place to remember the past and a beacon of scientific hope for the entire world. Culture and science can coexist if we all work together.

TMT is important to me, because we can teach the young about astronomy & teach them about stars, and science. It's good for the state, it will bring many jobs and can also teach the Hawaiians.



Kalani Rivera
TMT Supporter

I am a proud Hawaiian, I have true Aloha for our people of Hawaii and the 'Aina. At the same time, I believe our world, is ever changing, and so must we. I believe in the importance of an education, knowledge and cultivating a desire to learn in our Keiki. Years ago, we arrived to these great lands, guided by the stars. Let the heavens guide us now. I support TMT.



Melanie Long
Hawaii
Business Owner

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Alyssa Leilani Grace
Outreach Assistant
Gemini Observatory

It's important to remember that Maunakea is the best place to do research for a lot of reasons. But, it's also my way of connecting to my Hawaiian ancestry and culture. I also think that a lot of what we study in Astronomy is studying our past and our origins as a whole race, as mankind.

When I was a kid, I did a week long science camp on the Big Island that included time on the summit, inside one of the telescope facilities. There was no cost to my family, and this was a pretty big experience for me. Don't believe it when people say the TMT has nothing for Hawaii's future, or it's Keiki.

We support astronomy in Hawaii as a clean, sustainable industry. The best astronomy on the planet is from Maunakea. Astronomy is part of our stargazing, navigating heritage throughout Polynesia.

TMT will bring millions of dollars of investment and jobs to Hawaii, while simultaneously ensuring that Hawaii, its people, and our ideas remain at the forefront of human scientific endeavour.



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Kaikani Laigo
Audio Engineer

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