

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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