

THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I MAUI COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC SENATE  
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**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.