

## Testimony of Tammie Noelani Perreira in Support of Petitioner Tiffnie Kakalia

In the matter of A Contested Case Hearing Re Conservation District Use Permit (CDUP) HA-3568 for the Thirty Meter Telescope at the Mauna Kea Science Reserve, Kaohe Mauka, Hamakua District, Island of Hawaii, TMK (3) 4-4-015:009. Board of Land and Natural Resources Case No. BLNR-CC-16-002.

Aloha. My name is Tammie Noelani Perreira. I am the eldest sibling of Tiffnie Kakalia. I am a mother, partner, sister, daughter, granddaughter, aunt and grand aunt. I have resided in Hawaii for the past 49 years. I am Hawaiian by birth, heritage and nationality. I am the eldest child of Frederick Perreira, Jr. and Gerriane Kuuiini Low Perreira. I am the granddaughter of Frederick Perreira, Dorothy Enos, John A. Low Jr. and Verna V. Akuna. We are descendants of Kānaka ‘Ōiwi Hawaii, Portugal, China and Puerto Rico. We are descendants of Kānaka ‘Ōiwi from each cardinal point-Hilo, Kona, Kohala and Ka‘u-of Moku o Keawe, also known as Hawai‘i island. Our families are raised on the slopes of Mauna Kea in the same places our ancestors were born, raised, thrived, died and are buried. We are here and will continue to be here for generations. As the eldest sibling in our family, I am well versed in our family traditions and cultural practices as related to our kinship and pilina with Mauna Kea. A further explication can be found in the “Situating the Study: Values Orientation of the Reviewer” section (pg. 1) of Spirituality, Health and Healing: Assumptions and Implications for Practice Across Multiple Approaches to Care, an unpublished clinical research project (Argosy University of Honolulu, July 2003)

Over the past 20 years, I have worked professionally, in Hawaii rural communities, in the field of community mental health as a mentor, teacher, counselor, consultant and now clinical psychologist. I have particular interests and expertise in individual, family, community and national trauma exposure, identification of symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of discrete and complex traumas associated with physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual and medical conditions or disorders. Mauna Kea serves myriad purposes in the sustenance of health. The World Health Organization’s definition of *health* is “...a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. The English word *heath* is defined in the *Oxford Dictionary and Language Guide* (1999) as “the state of being well in body or mind, a person’s mental or physical condition and soundness, especially financial or moral, i.e. the health of a nation” (p. 449). Again, Mauna Kea serves myriad purposes in the sustenance of health.

The purpose of this testimony is to provide information about how our family (immediate family, community and humanity at-large family) will be affected by this “due process” Contested Case Hearing Re CDUP HA-3568 for the Thirty Meter Telescope at the Mauna Kea Science Reserve, Kaohe Mauka, Hamakua District, Island of Hawaii. Our family believes in scientific inquiry, we value highest education and science. Our definitions of health including financial and moral health are based on ancestral knowledge and desire for clean water, air, food and relationships.

We do not support the granting of CDUP for the Thirty Meter Telescope nor any physical structure upon Mauna Kea. This type of “management” in my opinion is analogous to providing the environment or setting the stage for the witness of physical, emotional, mental, psychological and spiritual rape of one’s parent. Trauma exposure and traumatization can be mitigated in this instance.

Me ka ‘oia i’o,

Tammie Noelani Perreira