

***ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN  
CIVIC CLUBS***

***A RESOLUTION***

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**STRENGTHEN THE MAUNA KEA COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMP)  
TO REFLECT NATIVE HAWAIIAN STEWARDSHIP OF MAUNA KEA AND ENSURE  
COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING CMP ACTION ITEMS**

WHEREAS, Mauna Kea is a sacred and culturally significant site to the Native Hawaiian community (Maly, 1999; Maly & Maly, 2005); and

WHEREAS, Mauna Kea represents the piko of the island of Hawai‘i and is considered an ancestor to the Hawaiian people; and

WHEREAS, this lineage comes with a birthright and kuleana to protect Mauna Kea’s resources and growth for all (Kanahele & Kanahele, 1997); and

WHEREAS, the National Registry of Natural Landmarks designated Mauna Kea as a natural landmark in November 1972 (NPS, 1994); and

WHEREAS, the summit region of Mauna Kea is designated as a historic district by the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD), and is also eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the high elevation ecosystems and cultural sites on Mauna Kea are unique and easily disturbed; therefore, observatory and infrastructure maintenance and construction can impact natural and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, many Hawaiians feel that altering the landscape on Mauna Kea has a damaging effect on everything and everyone that is physically, spiritually, and culturally tied to Mauna Kea; and

WHEREAS, the goal of the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan (CMP), prepared by the University of Hawaii and approved by the Board of Land and Natural Resources in April 2009, is to provide management strategies that protect and preserve Mauna Kea’s resources; and

WHEREAS, the CMP is to protect and preserve the natural and cultural resources on Mauna Kea from impacts that may result from the use of the summit area for astronomical research and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, engaging community is important for successful implementation of the CMP to rebuild trust between stakeholders and the University to sustain resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Supreme Court's decision in Ka Pa'akai provides government agencies a framework to ensure the protection and preservation of valued cultural, historical and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, various pu'u (cinder cones) in the summit region have been identified as traditional properties; and

WHEREAS, Pu'u Poliahu and Pu'u Lilinoe are important cultural and geographic features and they represent goddesses and genealogical ancestors to many Hawaiian people; and

WHEREAS, Lake Waiiau is also considered a traditional cultural property and source of sacred water used in healing and worship practices; and

WHEREAS, several trails in and around Mauna Kea are considered cultural resources used for travel to the summit region and provide access to resources for communities; and

WHEREAS, Mauna Kea as described in the Lananu'u Mamao Concept identifies three kahua (levels); and

WHEREAS, the lowest and least restrictive area is called lana; and

WHEREAS, the second level called nu'u is more sacred and restrictive; and

WHEREAS, the highest and most restrictive level called mamao is located near the summit of Mauna Kea (Malo, 1851); and

WHEREAS, development projects being considered for a permit by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) must be consistent with the purpose of the conservation district, which is to conserve, protect, and preserve the important natural and cultural resources of the state; and

WHEREAS, the state Constitution protects traditional and cultural rights of Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the major threats that can lead to the degradation of cultural sites includes ground disturbing activities (construction and maintenance), scientific research, and lack of enforcement of rules and policies; and

WHEREAS, without planned protections and a commitment to implement plans, irreversible damage will continue on Mauna Kea.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 57th annual convention at Las Vegas, Nevada this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016, that it strengthen the CMP to Reflect Native Hawaiian stewardship and ensure compliance with existing CMP action items; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs support the preservation of Mauna Kea by allowing Native Hawaiians to practice cultural and spiritual beliefs at the cultural sites and calls for the decommissioning of the three unused telescopes as well as all other unused and obsolete telescopes on Mauna Kea; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, President of the State Senate, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chair of the State Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the State House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, all County Mayors.



The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016, at the 57th Annual Convention of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs in Las Vegas, Nevada.

  
Annelle C. Amaral, President