Mai Ka Pākaukau O Ka Pelekikena
Testimony in Opposition to Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna a Wākea

13 Apelila 2015

To: Board of Regents of the University of Hawai‘i
   Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Fr: Kumu Leato S. Savini, Pelekikena, Tulipa Hawaiian Civic Club

Re: Thirty Meter Telescope.

Aloha mai kākou!

Many of the testimonies have spoken of the many illegal actions that have happened upon our Mauna a Wākea. Many of those testimonies have shown proof as to how our Mauna a Wākea has been used and abused in the past and the present. They have also spoken about how our Mauna a Wākea is being threatened to once again endure the misuse and abuse.

On behalf of the Tulipa Hawaiian Civic Club and its members and partners such as Hālau Nā Mamo O Tulipa, we support all those in opposition of this Thirty Meter Telescope. We need not repeat what others have already spoken. All we need to do is show our support to STOP the continued desecration of our Piko, our Makua, our ʻĀina, our Mauna a Wākea.

We strongly urge you to take action and to stop the continued desecration of our Mauna a Wākea. We are not against the advancement of technology and or the sciences. We understand that advancement in these fields is for the greater good of mankind, but not the greater good of what is ours and what is sacred to us.

Mauna a Wākea deserves to be treated with the utmost respect and held at the highest esteem. Mauna a Wākea deserves to HEAL from all of it’s past injuries it had to endure. Mauna a Wākea deserves to thrive with NO MORE DESECRATION.

In closing, we once again strongly urge you to STOP the continued desecration of our Piko, our Makua, our ʻĀina, our Mauna a Wākea. Please take our words and the words of all those who stand in opposition into great consideration.

Me ka Paulele Palena ʻOle,

Kumu Leato S. Savini, Pelekikena