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Statement Regarding Structures

Pu'uhonua o Pu'uhuluhulu

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Day 53

On July 13, 2019, the Royal Order of Kamehameha 'Ekahi, in collaboration with, and in support of kia'i, established Pu'uhonua o Pu'uhuluhulu as a refuge intended to ensure the safety of all people gathering to protect Maunakea from further desecration and destruction by the building of the proposed Thirty Meter Telescope. While we remain steadfast in our commitment for the Pu'uhonua to be a safe haven for our people until we are sure our mauna is protected, we have no intention of establishing a permanent village within this refuge.

In response to questions about what appears to be a structures being built within the Pu'uhonua, the Royal Order of Kamehameha 'Ekahi and Pu'uhonua o Pu'uhuluhulu reiterate that our focus within the Pu'uhonua remains on providing a safe haven for kia'i engaged in protecting Maunakea as we have for the past 53 days. We have informed the individuals building the structure that neither the Royal Order of Kamehameha nor Pu'uhonua o Pu'uhuluhulu endorse or sanction the construction of immobile structures. We remain committed to maintaining only a temporary presence and a light footprint within the boundaries of the Pu'uhonua.

Finally, we reaffirm our commitment to Kapu Aloha and all who remain in the Pu'uhonua hold each other to this principle. It is our hope that all will reach a swift agreement that the TMT project has no place on Maunakea.

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