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Nā Kānāwai 'Oihana Lapa'au

A declaration of kapu and commitment of Hawai'i medical doctors to the Honua

We, 'Ahahui o nā Kauka, will remain accountable to 'āina, which are our ancestral lands, sacred places, environment, and natural resources. We will honor our kuleana (responsibility, obligation) to our 'āina, our akua (divine beings), our kūpuna (ancestors), and our kaiāulu (communities). This is Nā Kānāwai 'Oihana Lapa'au, or our sacred commitment to the Earth, which is centered on our values of aloha (love, universal caring, compassion) and pono (righteousness, equity, justice):

E nānā i ke kumu (Look to the source) ...Look toward our ancestral knowledge for guidance in healing our People and our Home.

E kāhea (Call to summon) ...Engage with local, regional, and national efforts to mitigate climate change and build community resilience.

E kāko'o (Support and uphold) ...Work collectively against policies that allow environmental destruction and unrestrained industrial pollution that is destructive to earth and leading to climate change.

E kia'i (Guard and protect) ...Call out industries that create climate change, especially those with support of government policies, and hold them accountable.

E 'imi na'auao (Seek knowledge and higher learning) ...Ask affiliated faculty universities to develop plans to divest fossil fuels, modeling this process for other organizations.

E mālama (Nurture and preserve) ...Support policies and programs that preserve and protect the cultural integrity of the people, environment, and greater community.

E ho'olōkahi kākou (Unite as one) ...Collaborate with other organizations with mutual goals to achieve strategic and meaningful partnerships.

E ola mau (Persevere and thrive) ...Maintain support and advocacy in the protection of all wahi pana (sacred spaces), and as doctors and medical scientists, persist in working towards a healthy, thriving community of Native Hawaiians by promoting the integral health and well-being of our environment and sacred spaces.

He kauka Hawai'i au i kūpa'a no ku'u Honuamea ...I am a Native Hawaiian physician, and I am committed to protecting our Mother Earth and all its inhabitants.

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