

HE HŌ'IKE PILIKANA: TE TII MARAE- NGĀTI RUAWĀHIA/'AHA MOANANUIĀKEA

Ma muli o ko kākou pilina he 'ohana like o ka mo'okū'auhau no 'elua kaukani a 'oi makahiki me nā makahiki he kanahā a 'oi o ke au hou o ka holo moana 'ana a me ka ho'okele wa'a ku'una, ke mahalo a ho'ohanohano aku nei 'o Ngāti Ruawāhia, 'o ia ke ono o nā iwi o Te Tai Tokerau, a me kona mau pakanā o ke ku'ikahi ho'ona'auao 'o 'Aha Moananuiākea (Ke Kula 'o Kamehameha, Polynesian Voyaging Society, Ka Hale Hō'ike'ike 'o Pihopa, Ke Kulanui o Hawai'i) i nā kūpuna, nā alaka'i, a me ke kaiaulu ma ke kapa 'ana iā **Te Tii Marae** he Ngāti Ruawāhia Heritage Site.

'Oiai:

- Ma Kekemapa o ka makahiki 1985, ma ka "Voyage of Rediscovery," me ka 'alo pū 'ana mai o Ngātōkimatawhaorua, ua pae aku 'o Hōkūle'a ma Waitangi. Ua ho'okipa aloha 'ia nā lālā 'ohana o ka Polynesian Voyaging Society a me Ke Kula 'o Kamehameha ma Te Tii Marae me ka 'aha a me ka ho'olaule'a i 'ike 'ole 'ia kona lua ma mua.
- I mua pono o ka whare nui 'o Te Tiriti o Waitangi, i kūkala aku ai 'o Sir James Henare ē 'o Hōkūle'a ka hō'oi'a'io o ke akamai o nā kūpuna ma ka holo moana, a 'o ia pae 'ana o ka wa'a holo moana, 'o ka pae 'ana ia o "te iwi tuaono o Te Tai Tokerau." Ua paipai akula 'o ia i ka lāhui Māori e kāpili i nā waka hourua a e ho'āla i ka hana holo wa'a ma ka Moananuiakiwā me ka ha'aheo. Ua lele wiwo 'ole 'o Hekenukumai Ngaiwi Busby i ka 'auamo i ia hana a ho'okō, he hana i pa'a kona hopena ma ka mō'aūkala o ka Pākīpika.
- Ma ka whare kai 'o Te Ngakau Aroha, i loa'a ai ka mana'o iā Myron "Pinky" Thompson, ma ia manawa 'o ia ka pelekikena o ka Polynesian Voyaging Society a he kahu waiwai no Ke Kula 'o Kamehameha, no ke kūkulu 'ana i kikowaena mo'omeheu ma Hawai'i, ma muli o kona 'ike 'ana i ka ikaika o ka mo'omeheu i waena o nā 'ōpio Māori. A hala nā makahiki he 27, ma 2012 i wehe 'ia ai 'o Ka'iwakīloumoku Kikowaena Mo'omeheu Hawai'i ma Ke Kula 'o Kamehameha ma Kapālama.
- Ma Pepeluali o ka makahiki 1990 i ho'i aku ai 'o Ngāti Ruawāhia ('o Ruawāhia ho'i ka inoa Māori no ka hōkū 'o Hōkūle'a), 'o ka nāki Hawai'i ho'i, i Aotearoa, i mau hoa kipa hanohano i 'ike maka i ka 'aha ho'omana'o i ka makahiki 150 o ka pūlima 'ia 'ana o ke Ku'ikahi o Waitangi. Ma ia manawa, 'o ka pōhaku i lawe 'ia aku ma ka huaka'i o ka 1985, ua ho'opa'a 'ia i luna o ka pā pōhaku ma Te Tii Marae, i ho'opa'a pū 'ia me nā pāhai keleawe.
- Ma Malaki o ka makahiki 1992, ua kū ka poupou o Ngāti Ruawāhia, 'o Māui pāmamao ka inoa, ma kahi e pili pū ana me nā ki'i o nā kūpuna o Te Tai Tokerau. 'O ka hō'ailona mua loa ia o ia nāki Hawai'i. Ma nā makahiki he 20 i hala a'ela, ua huaka'i ko Ke Kula 'o Kamehameha i Waitangi a me Aurere e mālama ai i ia poupou.
- Ma Nowemapa, 2014, 'ane'ane kanakolu makahiki ma hope o kona pae mua 'ana ma laila, ua ho'i akula 'o Hōkūle'a me kona moku ukali 'o Hikianalia i Waitangi ma ka Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage. Ua ho'okipa aloha hou 'ia 'o Ngāti Ruawāhia e ko Waitangi.
- Ma Mei, 2018, ua alaka'i 'o Papa Hector i huaka'i kūikawā i Te Tii Marae no ka helu hou 'ana i ko kākou mō'aūkala me ka hō'oi'a 'ana i ko kākou pilina 'ohana. Ua makana mai nā alaka'i o ka Marae i ka hae o ka United Tribes iā Ngāti Ruawāhia a ua ho'opa'a 'ia ka pilina ma ka inu 'ana i ka 'awa Hawai'i.
- Ma Pepeluali, 2019, aia 'o Ngāti Ruawāhia ma ka poni naika 'ia 'ana o Sir Hekenukumai Ngaiwi Busby ma Te Whare Runanga, Waitangi Treaty Grounds.

Me ke kākō'o mau i ka ho'oikaika i ko kākou mau mo'omeheu a 'ōlelo Polenekia pono'i, a me ka maopopo pono i ko kākou kuleana aloha 'āina a mālama honua ma ka Pākīpika, ke ku'ikahi nei ka 'Aha Moananuiākea Pacific Consortium a me ke kaiaulu o Te Tii Marae i ka hana pū ma ke 'ano he 'ohana pilikana, a e ho'oikaika i kēia pilina ku'una mai kēia mua aku ma ke kapa 'ana iā **Te Tii Marae** he Ngāti Ruawāhia Heritage Site.


DECLARATION OF KINSHIP: TE TII MARAE- NGĀTI RUAWĀHIA/'AHA MOANANUIĀKEA


With our shared Polynesian heritage of over two thousand years and more than forty years of renewed voyaging and traditional wayfinding, Ngāti Ruawāhia, the Sixth Tribe of Te Tai Tokerau, and its cultural-educational network, the 'Aha Moananuiākea Pacific Consortium (Kamehameha Schools, Polynesian Voyaging Society, Bishop Museum, University of Hawai'i) seek to recognize and honor the local elders, leaders, and community by designating **Te Tii Marae** as a Ngāti Ruawāhia Heritage Site.

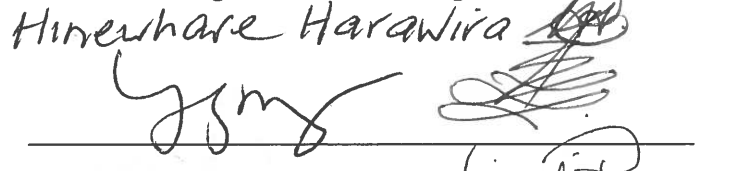
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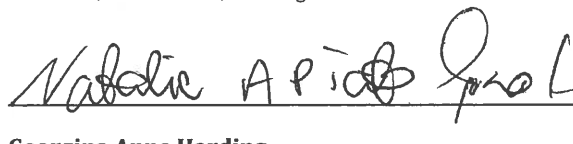
- In December 1985, on the Voyage of Rediscovery, the Hawaiian voyaging canoe Hōkūle'a was escorted by Ngātōkimatawhaorua as it made historic landfall at Waitangi. The extended family of the Polynesian Voyaging Society and Kamehameha Schools was warmly received with unprecedented ceremony, celebration, and hospitality at Te Tii Marae.
- In front of the whare nui, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Sir James Henare declared that Hōkūle'a was living proof of the maritime ingenuity of our tipuna, and that the historical arrival by voyaging canoe represented "te iwi tuaono o Te Tai Tokerau." He charged Māori to build their own waka hourua and sail with pride and promise across Moananuiakiwā. This task was courageously accepted and fulfilled by Hekenukumai Ngaiwi Busby, thus changing the course of Pacific history forever.
- In the whare kai, Te Ngakau Aroha, then-president of the Polynesian Voyaging Society and Kamehameha Schools trustee Myron "Pinky" Thompson had the vision to create a cultural center in Hawai'i after witnessing the rich cultural expressions of Māori youth. Some 27 years later in 2012, the Ka'iwakīloumoku Hawaiian Cultural Center opened its doors at Kamehameha Schools Kapālama.
- In February 1990, under the name Ngāti Ruawāhia (meaning "tribe of Hōkūle'a, or the star Arcturus"), the Hawaiian tribe returned as special guests at the 150th Anniversary of the Signing of the Waitangi Treaty. A stone that was brought on the 1985 voyage was enshrined with bronze plaques in the rock wall at Te Tii Marae.
- In March 1992, Ngāti Ruawāhia erected its poupou Māui pāmamao alongside Te Tai Tokerau tribal ancestors as the first physical manifestation of the Hawaiian tribe. Over the two succeeding decades, Kamehameha Schools would maintain the rich Ngāti Ruawāhia heritage through periodic pilgrimages to Waitangi and Aurere.
- In November of 2014, after almost 30 years, Hōkūle'a returned to Waitangi, along with its companion canoe Hikianalia, as part of the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage. Ngāti Ruawāhia was warmly received by a new generation of the Waitangi community.
- In May 2018, Papa Hector led a special visit to Te Tii Marae for the purpose of recounting our shared past and affirming our kinship for a vibrant future. Marae leaders presented Ngāti Ruawāhia with the United Tribes Flag, and Hawaiian 'awa was served to consecrate our relationship as an extended family.
- In February 2019, Ngāti Ruawāhia was humbled to sit in a place of honor at the Knighthood Investiture of Sir Hekenukumai Ngaiwi Busby at Te Whare Runanga, Waitangi Treaty Grounds.


Committed to the vibrancy of our respective Polynesian cultures and languages, and with a keen sense of responsibility for the care of our Pacific global environment, it is with honor that the 'Aha Moananuiākea Pacific Consortium and the Te Tii Marae community pave the way forward as a united extended family, and strengthen our historical relationship for generations to come by affirming **Te Tii Marae** as a Ngāti Ruawāhia Heritage Site.

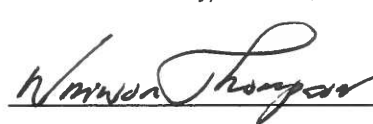

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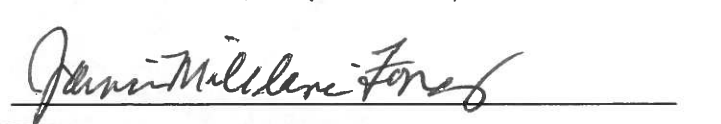

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