In this world where corporate profits sacrifice the quality of life for the many to benefit the quality of life for the 1%, we wear this button to remind everyone that our labor and the environment is valued and must be respected.

Mauna Kea, the tallest mountain in the world from ocean floor to peak, is revered by Native Hawaiians as home to many gods and goddesses. It is a sacred place of worship. It is also a public land trust and conservation district and is the main aquifer for the Big Island.

- The Thirty Meter Telescope Project proposed for Mauna Kea does not legally meet strict construction criteria required in this special district. The Board of Land & Natural Resources (BLNR) went against its own mandate of protecting natural resources and preserving customary Native Hawaiian rights by granting consent to begin construction.

- There are legal challenges to the TMT project which are still pending. Moving forward with construction without first resolving pending court cases will cause irreparable harm to the sensitive ecosystem and desecration of sacred sites on Mauna Kea.

- UH/TMT Corporation and BLNR have admitted the project will cause adverse, significant, substantial impact to the cultural and natural resources of Mauna Kea.

Just as Unite Here! Local 5 Hawaii works hard to ensure living wages, dignity and economic justice for the workers of Hawai‘i, workers must be continually be vigilant about enforcing those rights.

We understand that even with laws and rules in place to protect Hawaii’s precious lands and environment, the people must unite to ensure proper enforcement and justice for future generations!

Decolonial Pin@ys #Local5 #AiKea #protectmaunakea
Decolonial Pin@ys invite you to the upcoming events to learn more about Hawai`i, about Hawaiian independence, and about building strength and power through unity for a better Hawai`i.

All are welcome!

Sun July 26: Nā Hua Ea, 4-6pm, Papahana Kuaola, 46 Haiku Rd, Kaneohe by Movement for Aloha No Ka Aina. Poetry and mele celebrating Hawaiian independence and aloha ʻāina in the beautiful ahupuaʻa of Heʻeia.

Sat Aug 1: La HoʻihoʻI Ea, 12-6pm, Thomas Square between Beretania, King, Victoria, Ward. Celebrations of the Hawaiian Kingdom holiday, music, food, family activities, and discussion tent. The Womens Voices Women Speak (WVWS) Art-i-ivism Tent will be a creative, fun, interactive place for non-Hawaiians to learn and make connections through our shared histories of militarism and colonialism.

Sat Aug 8: Waikiki Demil Tour, 10-1pm. WVWS invites you to learn about the history and precolonial land management of Waikiki, and how capitalism and militourism have come to shape the tourist mecca we know today.

Sun Aug 9: Aloha ʻāina Unity March through Waikiki, 10-4pm: Protect Mauna Kea, Stop GMO pesticides, Stop Hoʻopili. For more information, contact AlohaAinaUnityMarch@gmail.com or RSVP on the facebook event page.