We are stewards and navigators of Hawai’i’s environment. We believe that the betterment of humanity is inherently possible. And we believe that the perpetuation of the health and well being of our people is inextricably intertwined with the health and well being of our environment.

We acknowledge that the immense environmental issues facing the world are upon Hawai’i. And so it is with a sense of urgency that we defy the role of ‘canary in the coalmine,’ and instead embrace the responsibility of being the guiding light out toward a healthier and safer future.

We support the environmental mission of the Worldwide Voyage of Hōkūle’a and Hikianalia, knowing wholeheartedly our charge in preparing our ‘āina for future generations to live, thrive, and lead our changing world toward goodness. This is the voyage of our lifetimes, and we are steadfast in our commitment to achieve real improvements in the ways in which we care for our environment.

We will increase our management efforts, enhance them through the synergies to be found with each other, and accept the responsibility of Mālama Honua. We believe that by inspiring Hawai’i’s residents to learn about, care for, and safeguard these islands, and by extension Island Earth, they will navigate the future of our island home toward vitality, renewal, and sustainability.
Today, with images of the Mālama Hawai‘i voyage fresh in our minds and strong in our spirits, we promise to create, sustain, and navigate a movement dedicated to a healthier ‘aina for future generations, one that is imbued with the goodness of Hōkūle‘a and the wisdom born of her legacy.

Over the next 72 months, the Worldwide Voyage will sail 60,000 nautical miles, touch the shores of 25 countries, and make safe harbor in 150 ports, while sharing Hawai‘i’s gift of kindness and legacy of caring with the world.

And thus, we the undersigned will participate in the Worldwide Voyage through our collective, collaborative environmental efforts, providing winds in the sails of Hōkūle‘a and Hikianalia as they circumnavigate Island Earth.

The strength of our commitment is demonstrated in this partnership, both unprecedented and necessary to Hawai‘i. We are strengthened with the knowledge that by working together, we can and will reach our shared destination – an environment worthy of our future generations.

This voyage is about changing our worldview of our relationship to these islands and our responsibility toward them. And in doing so, changing our relationship and responsibility toward each other. The commitments herein marks our voyage; a perpetual voyage that is needed to protect and care for Hawai‘i through lifelong work that goes beyond the four year Worldwide Voyage; one whose legacy for the undersigned will be to set the course for generations to come.

Together, with singular vision, we will use the following five commitments to navigate this voyage and accomplish our collective targets by the time Hōkūle‘a and her crew return home. These commitments expressly reflect our collective efforts and acknowledge that our ocean is:

1) **OUR LIVELIHOOD** - Ocean-based enterprises are sustainable; guided by cultural heritage, facilitated by relevant science, authorized by sufficient management capacity, and optimized by new opportunities. Targets are to:
   - Explore stronger fisheries management with scientists and fishers
   - Strengthen fishpond restoration through knowledge pooling and improved collaboration among practitioners statewide
   - Systematize marine monitoring to determine healthy reefs across Hawai‘i and contribute to a centralized database for improved management

2) **OUR ISLAND HOME** - Caring for our island communities, lands and waters through partnerships and action. Targets are to:
   - Increase restoration in wao akua (upper watershed) through enhanced acreage of native forest under protection and policy support
   - Improve watershed health in the wao kanaka (lower watershed) through coordinated action for sustainable and resilient communities
   - Elevate actions for healthy, resilient and sustainable coastal communities through statewide networks

3) **OUR FUTURE** - Collective investment in our future leaders is priority, providing the proper tools, training, and experience to advance this work beyond our own lifetimes and abilities. Targets are to:
• Determine scope of existing conservation internships, fellowships, youth training programs and other similar education opportunities that are in Hawai‘i today
• Based on the scope, build a career pathway tree, Conservation Career Compass, for individuals interested in conservation careers
• Contextualize career map with broader scoped Promise to Children, the educational initiative of the Mālama Honua Worldwide Voyage

4) OUR RESPONSIBILITY - Build capacity to sustainably manage Hawai‘i’s ocean resources for generations to come. Aligned with Governor David Ige’s goal to effectively manage 30% of nearshore marine waters in the Main Hawaiian Islands by the year 2030 (part of the Sustainable Hawai‘i Initiative), this effort will develop a shared narrative and a checklist of 5-year collective priorities focused on: collaborative science; aggregate impact of coordinated statewide, regional, and place-based management efforts; improved enforcement; and innovative and optimized funding.

5) OUR HERITAGE - Our island way of life will thrive through community-based co-management of our marine resources. Targets are to:
• Build stronger community networks locally and internationally
• Launch central online resource for communities called Auamo.org

Representatives of the Promise to Pae‘ Āina Group, Final Convening at Iolani Sullivan Center, before Hōkūle‘a Homecoming, May 18th, 2017