## MSE Statement on the Cultural Heritage of Maunakea

Maunakea is a deeply revered cultural landscape that also happens to be the premier site in the world to study the cosmos. The Maunakea Spectroscopic Explorer Project deeply respects its cultural importance and storied past. We are cognizant that the decisions we make today are intertwined with the future of Maunakea and its cherished summit. We appreciate that Maunakea is sacred to many people in different ways, and we are thankful and privileged to study the universe from the summit – a unique portal on the universe.