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Aloha kākou!

Hawaiian Rights remain a target under siege by some United States Courts. Later this month, the battle goes all the way to the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C.

In times of challenge and problem solving, our ancestors and 'ohana practiced coming together to focus and pool spiritual energies to overcome obstacles toward achieving a successful result. The traditional practice is "*Kūkulu Kumuhana*".

Kūkulu Kumuhana is as powerful now as it was then. Please gather your 'ohana and friends to join our spiritual hearts together in Kūkulu Kumuhana to focus and direct our collective positive thoughts during the time the United States Supreme Court will hear the Ceded Lands case (*Hawai'i v. OHA, Docket No. 07-1372*).

We ask that the Hawaiian and Hawai'i collective Kūkulu Kumuhana be exercised Wednesday, February 25, 2009, beginning at 5:00 a.m., Hawai'i Time (10:00 a.m. EST). At this time, the Supreme Court will hear hour-long oral arguments by the State of Hawai'i and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. We invite others across the nation to join us in their appropriate time zones.

We do not know how long the United States Supreme Court will take to decide the case, but a decision must be rendered before the end of the Court's term in July 2009.

Your support and positive thoughts are crucial for the livelihood and future of our Native Hawaiian people and all of Hawai'i nei. Mahalo nui loa.

No nā 'ōiwi 'ōlino,

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