

Charter of Commitment *E Tū Whānau*

We acknowledge that all violence towards whānau is unacceptable within Te Ao Māori, and that such acts of violence are considered a transgression that breach the mana and tapu of the individual, their whānau and their entire whakapapa.

We declare that violence against wāhine and tamariki within whānau is not part of our cultural tradition, and that the actions and solutions that work best for Māori lie within Māori values and practices.

As tangata whenua of this land:

- We will take a stand against all forms of violence within our whānau and communities
- We will acknowledge that violence against wāhine and tamariki is not traditional
- We will assert that any act of violence is a transgression against the whakapapa, mana and tapu of the individual
- We will work to eliminate the risk of harm and build protective factors within whānau and communities to prevent violence
- We will promote the sanctity and tapu of Te Whare Tangata and the whānau
- We will support whānau to exercise rangatiratanga and autonomy over their lives
- We will hold whānau accountable for any acts of violence.

As signatories to this Charter of Commitment, we declare:

- We will uphold the tapu and the mana of our people
- We will consciously live by traditional values (tikanga, aroha, whakapapa, mana/manaaki, whanaungatanga, kōrero awahi)
- We will take responsibility for our whānau and their wellbeing
- We will ensure our tamariki and mokopuna are nurtured and protected throughout their lives.

As members of whānau, hapū, iwi, community and society:

- We will stand up, speak out and stop any transgressions – violence flourishes where there is secrecy or acceptance
- We will take responsibility, act with integrity and be accountable
- We will support our whānau members to be the best that they can be
- We will be kahukura and provide leadership within our own whānau to enable all whānau members to prosper and soar.

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whānau	family or families
Te Ao Māori	the Māori world view
hapū	sub-tribe
iwi	tribe
wāhine	women
tamariki	children
whakapapa	genealogy; familial relationships and links, including tribal affiliation
mana/manaaki	cultural integrity
tapu	the sanctity of a person
rangatiratanga	autonomy and control over their lives
tikanga	protocols; doing things the right way, according to our values
aroaha	giving with no expectation of return
whanaungatanga	connections
kōrero awhi	open communication, being supportive
mokopuna	grandchild
kahukura	leaders of change
Te Mana Kaha o te Whānau	the strength and power of the whānau

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