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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 118 – 26

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of
Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Holiday – Manu'a Cession Day 2026

Manu'a Cession Day will be observed as a holiday in American Samoa on Thursday, July 16, 2026. All government offices will be closed and normal activities will be suspended on that day.

Employees of the American Samoa Government who are not required to perform essential services shall be excused from their duties. Employees required to perform duties on Manu'a Cession Day will receive holiday wages in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Manu'a Cession Day commemorates the ceding of the Manu'a Islands to the United States after King Tui Manu'a Elisara signed the Deed of Cession of Manu'a in 1904. It is important that we take time on July 16, 2026, to reflect on the important actions taken by our forefathers and the impact those decisions have had on our lives.

On behalf of the Lieutenant Governor and myself, I thank you for your continued dedication and service to the people of American Samoa. We wish you and your families a safe, peaceful, and meaningful Manu'a Cession Day holiday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pulaali'i".

Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula
Governor