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**PROCLAMATION  
WETLANDS MONTH**

**“Wetlands and Traditional Knowledge: Celebrating Cultural Heritage”  
May 1st - 31st, 2026**

**WHEREAS,** American Samoa has several types of wetlands, including mangrove swamps, freshwater marshes, cultivated wetlands, and ruderal or disturbed wetlands, and many streams and open water bodies may also be included within the definition of wetlands; and

**WHEREAS,** wetlands are among our most valuable natural and economic resources; and

**WHEREAS,** wetlands provide critical support to subsistence communities and are a vital component of our traditional way of life; and

**WHEREAS,** wetlands in American Samoa are deeply connected to traditional knowledge and cultural heritage, reflecting generations of local stewardship, practices, and values that continue to guide the sustainable use and protection of these vital ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS,** wetlands serve as natural infrastructure helping to reduce the impacts of coastal hazards such as flooding, storm surge, and tsunamis; and

**WHEREAS,** through the proper management, protection, and sustainable use of our coastal zone, including wetlands and marine environments, the people of American Samoa and future generations will continue to benefit and prosper.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA,** Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2026, as Wetlands Month in American Samoa and urge all citizens to take notice of these events and participate fittingly.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 29 day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six.

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**POLOA'IGA FA'ALAUUA'ITELE  
MASINA O LAU'ELE'ELE SUSŪ  
"Lau'ele'ele Susū le Aganu'u ma Agaifanua"  
Me 1 - 31, 2026**

**TALU AI,** O Amerika Samoa e ese'ese itu'aiga lauele'ele sūsū, o nisi o togātogo ma fa'ataufusi, o vaipuna, o fanua fa'ataufusi, o fa'ataufusi i tua, e aofia ai ma le tele o vaitafe ma vai tetele totonu o laufanua ma lauele'ele sūsū; ma

**TALU AI,** o lauele'ele sūsū e matuā tāua i le natura ma le si'osi'omaga; ma

**TALU AI,** o laueleele sūsū e tāua auā e fa'alagolago i ai nu'u o lo'ola ai, ma ose vaega tāua o lō tatou soifuaga masani; ma

**TALU AI,** o lauele'ele sūsū i Amerika Samoa, e soso'o fa'atasi ma le aganu'u fa'apea le agaifanua, e atagia ai pea i tupulaga lona fa'atāuaina, fa'ata'ita'iga ma le fa'aauau pea ona ta'ita'ia le fa'aaogaina ma le puipuia o nei fa'alapotopotoga tāua; ma

**TALU AI,** o lauele'ele sūsū foi e fesoasoani e fa'aiti'itia le lamatiaga i lologa, o matagi ma galulolo; ma

**TALU AI,** i le fa'atautaiga ma le puleaina lelei, o le fa'aaoga tatauina o le gataifale e aofia ai lauele'ele susū ma le si'osi'omaga o le gataifale, o tagata o Amerika Samoa ina ia fa'aauau pea le tāua mo tupulaga o le lumana'i.

**ONA O LEA, O A'U, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA,** Kovana o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa, ua ou poloa'iina le masina o Me 2026, e avea ma Masina o Lauele'ele Sūsū i Amerika Samoa, e ta'alo atu i tagata uma ina ia auai i polokalama uma ma lona fa'atāuaina.

**I LONA MOLIMAUINA,** ua ou tu'uina ai la'u saina ma le fa'aailoga o lo'u tofiga i le aso 29 leni o Aperila, i le tausaga o lo tatou Ali'i e lua afe luasefulu ma le ono.

  
**PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA**  
Kovana