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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 041 – 26

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Delegation of Authority – Office of the Public Defender

Public Defender, Mr. Asaua F. Fuimaono will be off – island from March 5th – March 6th, 2026. In his absence, I hereby designate Ms. Kristi Thaxton as Acting Public Defender until Mr. Fuimaono returns.

Please give Ms. Thaxton you full support and cooperation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pulaalii", with a decorative flourish at the end.

Pulaalii Nikolao Pula
Governor