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PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

"The Power of Nurses"

- WHEREAS,** registered nurses in the United States — including approximately 200 licensed nurses in American Samoa — constitute the largest health care profession in both our nation and our territory; and
- WHEREAS,** in American Samoa, nurses are not only essential care providers but trusted cultural caretakers who bring compassion, strength, and understanding rooted in our Fa'a Samoa to every patient they serve; and
- WHEREAS,** the depth and breadth of the nursing profession equips nurses in American Samoa to meet diverse and emerging health care needs across clinics, hospitals, homes, schools, and community outreach settings; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Samoa Nurses Association, as the voice and advocate for all nurses across the territory, is leading efforts to strengthen our health care system by promoting greater access to primary and preventative care — especially for underserved and remote communities; and
- WHEREAS,** professional nursing is a critical and irreplaceable pillar in ensuring the safety, dignity, and quality of care for all patients — whether hospitalized or receiving care at home; and
- WHEREAS,** the demand for licensed nursing services in American Samoa continues to grow, driven by our aging population, the rise in chronic and communicable diseases, the impact of climate-related health risks, and the continued need for culturally competent care; and
- WHEREAS,** the future health of our territory depends on the recruitment, training, and retention of dedicated nurses who can meet increasingly complex care needs with cultural integrity, clinical expertise, and unwavering compassion; and
- WHEREAS,** this year's National Nurses Week theme — "The Power of Nurses" — reflects the unmatched influence, resilience, and leadership of nurses in shaping the future of health care in American Samoa and across the globe; and
- WHEREAS,** the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality care delivered by licensed nurses will remain a cornerstone of American Samoa's health care system and a beacon of hope for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI’I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the week of May 4 – 10 as NATIONAL NURSES WEEK, with the theme, “**The Power of Nurses.**” Let us all recognize with deep appreciation the unparalleled impact Nurses make each day and their invaluable contributions to health care in our territory. I call upon the residents of American Samoa to join me in honoring the Nurses who dedicate themselves to our care with skill, heart, and unwavering commitment. Let us celebrate their accomplishments, acknowledge their tireless efforts to improve our health care system, and express our gratitude—not just this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.


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