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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 103 – 26**

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

From: Acting Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Half-Staff Flag Observance Honoring the Late Senator Alo Dr. Paul Stevenson

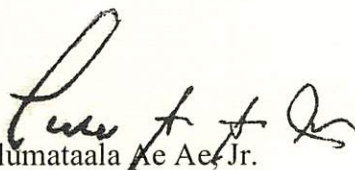
In accordance with 4 U.S.C. 7(m) and Executive Order 009-2023, the flags of the United States of America and American Samoa shall be flown at half-staff at sunrise of Thursday, June 18, 2026 through sunset of Friday, June 19, 2026. This observance coincides with the return of the remains of the Honorable Senator Alo Dr. Paul Stevenson and the official ceremonies held in the Territory, in honor of his lifetime of dedicated service to the people of American Samoa.

Senator Stevenson, from Fagasa, was serving his third Senate term, representing Ituau with integrity. His public service began as a science teacher and included roles in the Department of Education, where he expanded youth opportunities and strengthened education.

Beyond government, he held senior positions in natural resources, mining, and energy industries, contributing to economic development. He served on numerous boards, including the Territorial Bank of American Samoa and the American Samoa Chamber of Commerce, advocating for the islands' interests.

Throughout his public service—as Senator, Eastern District Governor, and within the American Samoa Republican Party—Senator Stevenson embodied commitment to fa'a Samoa and good governance. His leadership reflected his love for American Samoa and its future.

Lowering the flags honors Senator Stevenson's life and legacy, expressing gratitude and respect. His family can find comfort knowing his work will inspire future generations.

  
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