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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 002 – 2025

**ESTABLISHING MAY 13 AS “SWAINS ISLAND DAY,” AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY IN
AMERICAN SAMOA.**

Section 1: Authority

This Executive Order is hereby issued under the authority granted to the Governor in the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, Article IV, Section 6 and Section 7 and American Samoa Code Annotated, Section 4.0111 (b).

Section 2: Preamble

WHEREAS, “[t]he sovereignty of the United States over American Samoa [was] extended over Swains Island,” and Swains Island was made a part of American Samoa through a joint resolution of the United States Congress on March 4, 1925. 48 USC 1662; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 1925, Lieutenant Commander C. D. Edgar of the United States Navy traveled to Swains Island to raise the flag of the United States of America with a salute of 21 guns; and

WHEREAS, Swains Island is one of the seven islands that make up the Territory of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, descendants of Eli Hutchinson Jennings, Sr. and his wife Malia, the daughter of a Samoan chief, along with anyone born on Swains Island after March 4, 1925 are considered residents of Swains Island and United States Nationals.

WHEREAS, American Samoa is unified in our love for our brothers and sisters from Swains Island and the natural beauty and life of all the islands of our Territory.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Constitution of American Samoa and the American Samoa Code Annotated, hereby execute this order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 2nd day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.

Section 3: Swains Island Anniversary

Henceforth, 13 May will be a public holiday in American Samoa. This order shall take effect immediately.

PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA
Governor of American Samoa