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PROCLAMATION

“SWAINS ISLAND 100th ANNIVERSARY”

WHEREAS, on March 4, 1925, by joint resolution of the United States Congress, “the sovereignty of the United States over American Samoa is extended over Swains Island which is made part of American Samoa and placed under the jurisdiction of the administrative and judicial authorities of the government established therein by the United States, “(48USC 1662); and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 1925, Lieutenant Commander C. D. Edgar, U.S. Navy, traveled to Swains Island for the purpose of extending the sovereignty over the islands in accordance with provision of the joint resolution of the U.S. Congress, formally hoisting the American flag and firing the national salute of 21 guns; and

WHEREAS, Swains Island is one of the seven islands which make up the Territory of American Samoa, situated approximately 210 miles north of the main island of Tutuila; and

WHEREAS, on October 13, 1856, Eli Hutchinson Jennings, Sr., an American from Long Island, New York, and his wife Malia, the daughter of a Samoan chief settles on Swains Island and hoisted an American Flag to declare his nationality; and

WHEREAS, descendants of Eli Hutchinson Jennings, Sr., and every person born on Swains Island soil are nationals of the United States, subsequent to 1925; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025, the people of Swains Island will celebrate 100 years of partnership with American Samoa and the United States. The natives of Swains Island have forged strong bonds with the people of Tutuila and Manu‘a and have contributed to the long and proud history of the Territory;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim that the 100th anniversary will be celebrated on May 13, 2025, in American Samoa, for the observance of appropriate ceremonies, commemorating the raising of the Flag of the United States of America over Swains Island.

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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POLOAIGA FAALAU'ITELE

“FA'AMANATUINA O LE 100 TAUSAGA O LE MOTU O SWAINS”

- TALUAI,** I le aso 4 o Mati, 1925, na pasia ai e le Konekeresi a le Iunaite Setete o Amerika se i'ugafono tu'u faatasi, “o le pulega aloa'ia a le Iunaite Setete o Amerika i luga o le Motu o Swains, ua fa'alauteleina i lalo o le vaaiga a Amerika Samoa, ma ua tu'uina atu i le pulega ma le fa'amasinoga a le mālō ua fa'atuina e le Iunaite Setete o Amerika,” (48 USC 1662); ma
- TALUAI,** I le aso 13 o Me, 1925, na malaga ai Lieutenant Commander C. D. Edgar, o le Vaega 'Au a le U.S. Navy, i le Motu o Swains e momoli aloa'ia le i'ugafono tu'u faatasi a le Konekeresi, e avea ai le Motu o Swains ma itutino o le Iunaite Setete, ma na ia sisiina ai le fu'a o Amerika ma le faapāpāga o utu'tau e 21 i le tula'i fa'aaloalo; ma
- TALUAI,** O le Motu o Swains e fitu iai atumotu o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa, ma e tusa ma le 210 maila i mātū lona mamao mai le motu o Tutuila; ma
- TALUAI,** I le aso 13 o Oketopa, 1856, sa nofoia ai e Eli Hutchinson Jennings, Sr., mai Long Island i Niu Ioka, ma lona faletua o Malia, o le afafine o se matai Samoa, ma sa latou sisi le fu'a o Amerika e avea ma fa'aailoga o tagata nu'u aloa'ia; ma
- TALUAI,** O suli uma na soifua mai ia Eli Hutchinson Jennings, Sr., ma tagata sa fananau i le Motu o Swains, ua avea ma tagata nu'u nesionale o le Iunaite Setete, mai le tausaga 1925; ma
- TALUAI,** I le aso 13 o Me, 2025, o le a fa'amanatuina ai e le mamalu o tagata nu'u o Swains le 100 tausaga o le galulue fa'atasi ma Amerika Samoa ma le Iunaite Setete. Ua mautū le mafutaga a tagata o Swains ma tagata o Tutuila ma Manu'a, ma ua latou aloa'ia ma fa'ataua le tala fa'asolopito matagofie o le Teritori;

ONA O LEA, O A'U, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Kovana o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa, ou te fa'alauiloa aloa'ia atu ai le fa'amanatuina o le 100 tausaga i le aso 13 o Me, 2025 i Amerika Samoa, e faia ai sauniga tatau ma le mamalu e fa'amanatu ai le sisiina o le Tagāvai o le Iunaite Setete o Amerika i luga o le Motu o Swains.

I LONA MOLIMAUINA, ua ou tuuina ai la'u saina ma le faailoga o lo'u tofiga i le aso lenei 1 o Me, i le tausaga o lo tatou Ali'i e lua afe ma le sefulu ma le lima.

PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA
Kovana