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## Joint Statement from Governor Pulaali'i and Lieutenant Governor Pulumataala on the United States Government Shutdown

**PAGO PAGO, American Samoa** - On this second day of the federal government shutdown, Governor Pulaali'i and Lieutenant Governor Pulumataala have been closely monitoring the ongoing impact of the shutdown on the people of American Samoa.

Governor Pulaali'i stated:

*"The people of American Samoa, like all Americans, share the same values of hard work, family, and service. With the government shutdown, the disruption is real. We all depend on our paychecks to provide for our daily needs and timely support for our families. This situation is critical for our people, and we remain mindful of the challenges it may bring."*

The Governor further emphasized the importance of a swift resolution, adding:

*"The Lieutenant Governor and I remain hopeful that Congress and the Administration will arrive at a resolution soon. This is especially important so that our government can continue to access the grant funds needed to pay employees whose positions are supported by federal funding."*

Governor Pulaali'i also affirmed that the Grants Clearing-House Agency under the Governor's Office, and Directors of each ASG agency are actively assessing and coordinating with federal partners in Washington, D.C., to minimize disruptions to operations and services.

The Governor's Office will provide updates as the situation develops. Employees and residents who have immediate concerns are encouraged to contact their respective departments for guidance and information.

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