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PROCLAMATION

“TSUNAMI AWARENESS AND PREPAREDNESS DAY”

September 29, 2025

WHEREAS, high ocean waves created by a seismic event, known as a tsunami, have always placed the lives, homes, and livelihoods of American Samoa’s coastal residents in grave peril; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2009, an 8.1 magnitude earthquake near 122 statute miles southwest of Tutuila, American Samoa, generated a tsunami that claimed 35 lives in American Samoa, of which three were not found;

WHEREAS, the September 29, 2009 tsunami caused millions of dollars in damages along the American Samoa coast; and

WHEREAS, education, preparedness, and warning systems, such as the Emergency Alert System, played a vital role in reducing these losses, as they have in past natural emergency events; and

WHEREAS, during Tsunami Awareness and Preparedness Week, the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security, the NOAA National Weather Service – WSO Pago Pago, other federal and local government agencies, and non-profit organizations throughout American Samoa will participate in events designed to educate the public about the dangers of tsunamis; and

WHEREAS, I encourage all residents of American Samoa to learn more about the tsunami threat and take appropriate steps to secure their lives and properties against future tsunami events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2025, as “Tsunami Awareness and Preparedness Day” in American Samoa, which will be observed on Monday, September 29, 2025 to commemorate all tsunami victims.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 18th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.

PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA
Governor