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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 025 – 25**

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Update on Federal Pause in Grant Funding

This action of pausing federally funded grant programs has been rescinded by the Office of Management and Budget, following a brief legal challenge in the federal court.

Although the current crisis has been averted, we must learn from this experience. All departments, agencies, authorities and offices that have grant funded programs and operations must work within the law and with Grantors to be prepared for similar events that may happen in the future. My office will also work to ensure that we know exactly the steps to take, following any similar future occurrence.

Your responsiveness and your professionalism during this time is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pulaali'i", written over a horizontal line.

Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula  
Governor