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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 102 – 26

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

From: Acting Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Holiday – Juneteenth National Independence Day 2026

Juneteenth National Independence Day, Friday, June 19, 2026 will be observed as a holiday in American Samoa. All government offices will be closed, and normal activities will be suspended on that day.

Employees of the American Samoa Government who are not required to perform essential services shall be excused from their duties. Employees required to perform duties on that day will receive holiday wages in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union Forces in Galveston, Texas, enforced the Emancipation Proclamation and announced freedom for the last enslaved people in the former Confederacy – a day that has come to symbolize the end of slavery in the United States and the ongoing pursuit of equality and justice. I encourage each of you to take a moment this Friday to reflect on our nation's difficult past, celebrate the progress we've made, and honor all those who gave their lives in the pursuit of freedom and a more just society.

Thank you for your continued hard work and dedication. Wishing you a meaningful and safe holiday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pulumataala Ae Ae, Jr.", is written over the typed name and title.

Pulumataala Ae Ae, Jr.
Acting Governor