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PROCLAMATION WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY September 26, 2025

- WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Services Division under the Department of Health, is one of the smallest regulatory agencies but an essential agent within the American Samoa Government that ensures the sanitary conditions of facilities from food establishments, to schools, government buildings, public facilities, private businesses to homes.
- WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Services Division conducts inspections to promote sanitary, safe, and healthy environmental conditions and surroundings, to prevent illnesses and diseases, and to protect the people of American Samoa.
- WHEREAS, the Environmental Health Services Division's mission is to educate, empower, and enforce safe environmental surroundings to address challenges posed by environmental health threats and to promote a healthier American Samoa.
- WHEREAS, unwavering dedication, hard work, unseen and unrecognized by many, their essential contributions with modest compensation, a lack of recognition, chronic-under resourcing, and ever-expanding duties under stressful conditions. Nonetheless, they are an essential resource locally to minimize environmental risk to the public's health.
- WHEREAS, Environmental Health knows no social or geographical limits and the Environmental Health Professionals work endlessly to protect and improve the lives of the people of American Samoa through Creating Resilient Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2025 as World Environmental Health Day in the Department of Health and call upon all employees, government agencies, and the community to recognize and celebrate the indispensable role of environmental health professionals in keeping our people safe and healthy.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 22nd day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.

PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA

Governor