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PROCLAMATION

WETLANDS MONTH

“Protecting Wetlands for Our Common Future”

May 1st – 31st, 2025

WHEREAS, American Samoa has several kinds of wetlands including mangrove swamps, freshwater marshes, cultivated wetlands, and ruderal or disturbed wetlands. Many streams and open water bodies can be included within the definition of wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the natural resources in wetlands are among our most valuable economic resources; and

WHEREAS, wetlands provide critical support to subsistence communities and are a vital component of our traditional way of life; and

WHEREAS, wetlands serve as natural infrastructure, helping to reduce the physical impacts of coastal hazards such as floods, storm surges, and tsunamis; and

WHEREAS, through the management, sustainment, and protection of our coastal zone that includes wetlands and marine environment, future generations of American Samoa will benefit and prosper; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 as Wetlands Month in American Samoa and urge all to take notice of these events and participate fittingly.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.

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

PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA
Governor