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**PROCLAMATION
MOSO'OI FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS & HUMANITIES 2025
October 2025**

- WHEREAS,** the Moso'oi Festival of the Arts & Humanities, a joint initiative between the American Samoa Council on the Arts, Culture, and Humanities and the Agency for Better Living Endeavors (ABLE), has been scheduled to take place during the month of October 2025 in American Samoa;
- WHEREAS,** the festival has been designed to preserve and promote Samoan knowledge, values, and traditions through material and performance culture for the benefit of all generations in American Samoa;
- WHEREAS,** the Moso'oi Festival of the Arts & Humanities has been established to foster connections between Samoan youth and older generations by centering material and performance culture, ensuring the continuity of Samoan ideas, traditions, and ways of life across the islands;
- WHEREAS,** the festival is intended to inspire youth to engage in diverse forms of artistic expression, providing positive outlets for creativity and community involvement, which serve as alternatives to destructive influences affecting local communities;
- WHEREAS,** the festival operates through the efforts of numerous local artists and individuals passionate about the arts, most of whom serve as volunteers, whose dedication and talent contribute to the cultural landscape;
- WHEREAS,** revival of the Moso'oi Festival has been developed to reinvigorate American Samoa's identity as the "Motu o Fiafiaga", encouraging community participation in the stewardship of native resources for the benefit of residents and visitors;
- WHEREAS,** community leaders and members have been called upon to unite their efforts, talents, and spirit in supporting cultural activities that strengthen cultural heritage and maintain American Samoa's reputation as the Motu o Fiafiaga;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, hereby acknowledge the month of October 2025 as the Annual Moso'oi Festival of the Arts & Humanities in American Samoa. The people of American Samoa are hereby notified of these events and are encouraged to take notice of and participate in their observance as they deem appropriate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 29th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.

PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA
Governor