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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 025 – 26

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Appointment of Chief Information Officer and Order of Cooperation Across the Executive Branch

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor and Lieutenant Governor by Section 4 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, ASCA Sections 4.0111(b) and 4.0112, and Executive Order 008-2024, we are pleased to formally announce the appointment of Mr. Ray Tala Tulafono Jr. as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the American Samoa Government. CIO Tulafono heads ASG's Office of Information Technology (OIT).

CIO Tulafono is a seasoned professional in the digital sector, holding an MBA and various industry-specific certifications. With more than 20 years of experience as an information technology executive, he brings with him a strong background in IT strategic planning and systems management that will be instrumental in elevating our government's technological capabilities.

I. Mission and Support Mandate

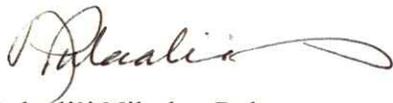
The initial role of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) is established as one of assistance and support. We recognize the vital work already being performed by IT staff across our various departments. Consequently, the OIT is directed to:

- **Assist and Support:** Provide operational backstop and technical expertise to individual departments as they navigate their specific technological needs.
- **Establish a Coordination Framework:** Build a centralized structure for the development of IT policies and the standardized use of technology across the ASG.
- **Enhance Communication:** Create a clear channel for interdepartmental IT dialogue to ensure that government-wide policies are cohesive and effectively implemented.
- **Cybersecurity and Data Security:** Assess the current state of ASG's IT infrastructure. Establish and maintain robust protocols to protect government data, ensure system integrity, and safeguard the Territory's digital infrastructure.

II. Inter-Departmental Collaboration

The OIT's engagement with existing IT staff and resources is designed to be collaborative rather than disruptive. The OIT will coordinate with various government departments' IT resources and staff and assist in supporting government IT operations as the directors and leaders from those respective offices see fit. Our goal is to ensure that every department head has the technological support required to meet their specific mandates to our residents while simultaneously benefiting from a unified government-wide IT strategy.

We ask that you welcome Mr. Tulafono to this role and work with the OIT to identify how the Office of IT resources can best serve your department's objectives. By building this framework of coordination and support, we move toward a more integrated and efficient American Samoa Government to better serve our people.



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