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PROCLAMATION

SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONDERS APPRECIATION WEEK

July 6th - 12th, 2025

To recognize and honor the exceptional service, bravery, and dedication of American Samoa's Search and Rescue Responders, and to express gratitude and appreciation for their tireless efforts in protecting the lives and well-being of our citizens and visitors.

- WHEREAS, the Department of Search and Rescue of the American Samoa Government is dedicated to providing critical search and rescue services to our community, protecting the lives and well-being of our citizens and visitors; and
- WHEREAS, the brave men and women of our Search and Rescue Department work tirelessly, often in challenging and hazardous conditions, to locate and assist individuals in distress, demonstrating unwavering commitment and expertise; and
- WHEREAS, their selfless service and dedication have saved countless lives, brought hope to families and loved ones in times of crisis, and contributed significantly to the safety and security of our community; and
- WHEREAS, the Department of Search and Rescue plays a vital role in responding to emergencies, mitigating risks, and promoting public awareness and outreach on vital safety matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the week of July 6 – 12, 2025 as Search and Rescue Responders Appreciation Week in American Samoa. During this week, we honor the exceptional service, bravery, and dedication of our Search and Rescue Responders. I urge all citizens to join us in expressing gratitude and appreciation for the tireless efforts of all the men and women that respond to the calls where lives are at stake. May their commitment to service, compassion, and community inspire us all to work together towards a safer and more resilient American Samoa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 2nd day of July, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Five.

PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA

Governor