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**PROCLAMATION  
NATIONAL LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WEEK  
October 19 - 25, 2025**

- WHEREAS,** lead poisoning is a serious health threat that affects individuals, particularly children, and can result in developmental delays, behavioral problems, learning difficulties, hearing loss, and other long-term health issues; and
- WHEREAS,** there is no safe blood lead level (BLL) in children. Even low levels of lead in blood are associated with developmental delays, difficulty learning, and behavioral issues. Exposure to lead can seriously harm a child's health and cause adverse effects that may be permanent and disabling; and
- WHEREAS,** the American Samoa Department of Health (ASDOH) is launching a comprehensive Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) in the Territory. This program includes community mobilization and education, removal of lead hazards, and blood lead level testing for children, along with appropriate follow-up; and
- WHEREAS,** people are exposed to lead by ingesting contaminated food or water or by breathing in lead dust. Young children, especially those under age six, are more vulnerable because they often put toys, dirt, and their hands in their mouths; and
- WHEREAS,** parents, healthcare providers, and public health professionals all have vital roles in protecting children from lead exposure. The most effective primary prevention involves removing lead hazards from places where children live, learn, and play before exposure occurs; and
- WHEREAS,** secondary prevention includes blood lead testing and follow-up care for children with elevated blood lead levels, with blood testing being the most reliable method to detect exposure; and
- WHEREAS,** lead exposure is entirely preventable. The most important step that parents, healthcare providers, and communities can take is to identify potential risks and prevent exposure; and
- WHEREAS,** the Department of Health is committed to eradicating childhood lead poisoning through education. Testing, and collaboration with partners such as Lyndon B Johnson (LBJ) Tropical Medical Center, American Samoa Department of Education Headstart/Early Childhood Education (ECE), American Samoa Department of Human and Social Services - Women, Infant, Children (WIC), American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency, Medicaid; and

**WHEREAS**, National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week serves as a crucial call for all individuals, organizations, industry, and government entities to work together to reduce childhood lead exposure by raising awareness and implementing preventive measures. October also coincides with Children's Health Month, highlighting vital environmental health issues affecting our youth.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA**, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2025 as the First Territorial Annual Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in American Samoa. This week marks the beginning of our collective efforts to promote lead blood testing and protect our children from its harmful effects.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.



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**POLOA'IGA FA'ALAU'ITELE  
VAIASO PUIPUIGA O LE ATUNU'U MAI 'ELE O'ONA**

**Oketopa 19 - 25, 2025**

- TALUAI,** O se fa'afitauli tūgā ua a'afia ai tagata ta'ito'atasi i 'Ele O'ona, aemaise lava i tamaiti, ua fa'atuai ai lo latou tuputupua'e, fa'aletonu le fa'alogu, faigata le a'oa'oina ma nisi o amioga le talafeagai. O nei fa'afitauli ua lamatia ai le soifua maloloina lelei; ma
- TALUAI,** O le a leai se malu puipua o le toto I tamaiti, ma e o'o lava ina maulalo le feso'ota'iga o le toto ma ono fa'atuai lona a'oa'oina I tulaga tau I amioga va'aia. O le a'afiaga o le soifua maloloina, e afua mai ona o ala e ta'ita'i ai, ma tumau ai pea ni va'aiga leaga ma le fa'aletonu; ma
- TALUAI,** Ua fa'alauiloa ai nei e le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina o Amerika Samoa ni porokalama mo le puipua o tamaiti mai 'Ele O'ona (CLPPP) i totonu o le Teritori. O nei polokalama e avanoa ai fa'apotopotoga ma a'oa'oga mo le ave'esea mai o a'afiaga ma le su'ega o le maua'uga o le toto mo tamaiti, fa'apea ma nisi vaega talafeagai; ma
- TALUAI,** O a'afiaga ta'atele o tagata ona o meataumafa, po'o vai, po'o le mānavaina mai le pefu. O fanau laiti I lalo ifo o le ono tausaga e sili ona vave le a'afia ma vaivai ai, e afua mai I le ta'alo I meata'alo o lo'o to'a ai le 'ele o'ona ma tu'u lima I latou gutu; ma
- TALUAI,** O matua, ma tausi soifua maloloina, fa'apea le mamalu o le aufaigaluega lautele e tāua uma le puipua mai le a'afia i 'Ele O'ona. Vaega muamua e sili ona aoga puipua mo le ave'esea o tulaga lamatia o fanau mai nofoaga o lo'o nonofo ai; ma
- TALUAI,** Vaega lona lua, mo le su'eina o le toto ma toe tulitatao pea fanau o lo'o maua'uga le toto ma toe su'eina toto e sili atu ona tele auala talitonuina o le a fa'aila ai; ma
- TALUAI,** O le a atagia ai pea le 'ele, ma o la'asaga sili ona tāua o auunaga fa'asoifua maloloina, i nu'u e mafai ona fa'a'iloina a'afiaga o lo'o tula'i mai ma lona puipua e tata ai; ma
- TALUAI,** O le naunauta'iga o le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina ina ia tafi'esea nei 'ele mai tamaiti ona e ala i ni a'oa'oga. E fa'apea foi ona fai su'ega e ala i le galulue so'oso'otau'au ma le Maota Gasegase (LBJ Tropical Center), Matagaluega o A'oga i A'oga Amata (ECE), Matagaluega o Alāmanuia Lautele (DHSS), Tama'ita'i, Pepe ma Tamaiti (WIC) Matagaluega o Puipua o le Si'osi'omaga o Amerika Samoa (EPA), Ofisa o le Medicaid; ma

**TALUAI,** O le Vaiaso o le Puipuiga mai 'Ele O'ona, ua tapā ai ma vala'au atu mo le mamalu o le atunu'u ma tagata ta'ito'atasi, fa'apotopotoga, alamanuia omle Malo ina ia galulue fa'atasi mo le fa'aiti'itia o le a'afiaga o fanau i ia tulaga ma'ale'ale, ma ia fa'alauteleina ai lo latou silafia i faiga e puipuia ai, ma ua talafeagai le masina lenei o Oketopa e avea ma masina o le Soifua Maloloina o Tamaiti, ua fa'ailoaina o latou fa'afitauli o a'afia ai le si'osi'omaga o lo latou soifua maloloina, ma ua lamatia ai le soifua o tatou tupulaga talavou.

**ONA O LEA, O A'U, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA,** Kovana Tofia o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa, ia fa'ailoa atu ia Oketopa 19-25, 2025, e avea ma Vaiaso o Puipuiga mai 'Ele O'ona Fa'aletausaga Muamua a le Teritori i Amerika Samoa. O le vaiaso nei o le amataga o le tatou taumafaiga fa'atasi e fa'alauiloa le puipuiga mai 'Ele O'ona, ia puipuia o tatou fanau mai nei a'afiaga leaga.

**I LONA MOLIMAUINA,** ua ou tu'uina ai lo'u saina ma le fa'ailoga o lo'u tofiga i le aso 17 lenei o Oketopa, i le tausaga o lo tatou Ali'i e lua afe ma le lua sefulu ma le lima.



**PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA**  
Kovana