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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 294 – 25**

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Driving and Parking Prohibited Malae o le Talu

The Malae o le Talu (Malae) has been a central gathering place of profound historical, cultural, and ceremonial significance to the people of American Samoa for over 125 years, hosting village events, governmental functions, and community recreation.

Vehicular traffic has severely damaged the Malae, compacting soil, destroying grass, and creating unsafe divots, hindering full use and enjoyment of this communal gathering place.

Therefore, effective immediately, the following measures are hereby implemented:

- (a) All American Samoa Government (ASG) vehicles and privately owned and operated vehicles are strictly prohibited from driving or parking on the Malae. This prohibition applies to all ASG employees, contractors, and agents operating government vehicles, regardless of purpose or duration.
- (b) The Department of Parks and Recreation shall provide technical assistance, resources, and operational support to the village Pulenu'u and Leoleo Nu'u in their efforts to protect the Malae.
- (c) All ASG personnel and privately owned vehicles must utilize designated or alternate parking areas in proximity to the Malae.

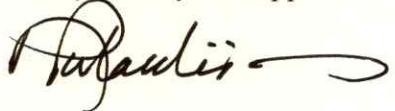
Emergency vehicles responding to actual emergencies may access the Malae only to the extent absolutely necessary to address the emergency situations.

All agency heads, directors, and supervisors are responsible for ensuring that employees under their supervision are informed of and comply with this directive. Preserving the cultural, historical, and recreational use of the Malae is a matter of territorial significance and requires the full cooperation of all ASG personnel.

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This memorandum shall remain in effect unless modified, rescinded, or superseded by regulatory action.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



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