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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 097 – 26**

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Replacement of Two Current Members of the Board of Arts Council with New Members

Pursuant to Section §4.0111(b) and §4.0302 (a) of the American Samoa Code Annotated: I hereby appoint two new members, Talileleia Tasi and Tamara Tialavea, to replace Sailimalo Terisa So'oto-Palmer and Tunatunaolupelele Maae.

1. Talileleia Tasi: Talileleia works at the Governor's Office Communication Division and is a very active community member. As the lead choreographer for the Teine Ieru and Fa'atamali'i Dance Group, she is an expert in Samoan cultural attire and a strong advocate for the arts. Her background would make her a valuable addition to the board.
2. Tamara Tialavea  
Tamara is a Polynesian mixed choreographer and founder of the Ta'iala Polynesian Dance Academy, the first academy of its kind on the east side of the island. In addition to her extensive dance background, she has over 10 years of experience as a secondary social studies educator. She would be a significant asset to the board, particularly in representing interests from the eastern district.

Please extend to the new members your full support and cooperation. Also, Fa'afetai Lava to Mrs. So'oto-Palmer and Ms. Maae for taking up the challenge from their busy schedule to support the Board of Arts Council.

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Governor