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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 043 – 26

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Half-Staff Flag Observance Honoring the Late Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga

In accordance with 4 U.S.C. 7(m) and Executive Order 09-2023, the flags of the United States of America and American Samoa shall be flown at half-staff immediately. This observance honors the late Honorable Governor Lolo Matalasi Moliga, and recognizes his lifetime of dedicated service to the people of American Samoa.

Governor Lolo, a son of Ta'ū in the Manu'a Islands, faithfully served our Territory and its people in numerous capacities, including as educator, administrator, legislator, President of the Development Bank of American Samoa, President of the Senate, and as our seventh elected Governor. He began his career as a teacher and school principal and later served as an elementary and secondary education administrator within the American Samoa Department of Education, director of the American Samoa Government Budget Office, American Samoa's chief procurement officer, and president of the Development Bank of American Samoa, consistently working to improve opportunities for our young people and to strengthen the Territory's economic foundation.

Throughout his life, Governor Lolo remained deeply committed to the preservation of the fa'a Samoa and the advancement of our people. His leadership, wisdom, and dedication to the Territory reflected his profound love for American Samoa and its future.

As we lower our flags to half-staff, we honor Governor Lolo Moliga's life, his legacy of service, and the lasting contributions he made to the people of American Samoa.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pulaali'i", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula
Governor