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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 226 – 25**

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Flying of Flags at half-staff on September 29, 2025 to honor the 34 victims of the 2009 Tsunami

As we come together on this 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 29, 2009 tragedy, we hold close the memory of how deeply it touched the lives and spirit of our people in American Samoa. This day reminds us not only of the loss we endured, but also of the unity, resilience, and extraordinary bravery shown by so many. In those moments of unimaginable hardship, the strength and courage of our community shone brightly, and this was and still is a heartfelt reminder of the bonds that make us one people.

In honor of the 34 victims of American Samoa, whose lives were taken by the Tsunami of September 29, 2009, it is hereby directed that the flags of the United States and American Samoa shall be flown at half-staff from sunrise September 29, 2025 till sunset of the same day.

Let us stand in solemn tribute to their memory and enduring presence in our hearts.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Pulaali'i", followed by a horizontal line.

Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula  
Governor