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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 109 – 25

To: Distribution List
From: Governor of American Samoa
Subject: **Holiday – Swains Island 100th Anniversary 2025**

On May 13, 1925, Lieutenant Commander C. D. Edgar of the United States Navy traveled to Swains Island to raise the flag of the United States of America with a salute of 21 guns, symbolizing the authority and protection of the USA. This May 13, 2025 marks 100th Anniversary of that historic event.

By Executive Order, I am establishing May 13th, Swains Island Anniversary, as a holiday in American Samoa this year, and for all years in the future. All government offices will be closed and normal government activities will be suspended on that day.

Employees of the American Samoa Government who are not required to perform essential services shall be excused from their duties. Employees required to perform duties on that day will receive holiday wages in accordance with applicable laws and regulation.

This is a special anniversary marking the inclusion of Swains Island as a part of the United States of America and the Territory of American Samoa. Please take time to honor our ancestors who helped create our Territory and recognize the importance of the islands we call home.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pulaali'i".

Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula
Governor