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**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH - MAY 2026**

WHEREAS, citizens of American Samoa recognize the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities relate to good physical and mental health and enhance the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of American Samoa understand the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing drownings and recreational water-related injuries; and

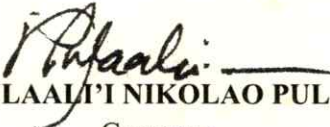
WHEREAS, the citizens of American Samoa are aware of the contributions made by the recreational water industry, as represented by the organizations involved in the National Water Safety Month Coalition in developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs, home pools and spas, and related activities providing healthy places to recreate, learn and grow, build self-esteem, confidence and sense of self-worth which contributes to the quality of life in our community; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of American Samoa recognize the ongoing efforts and commitments to educate the public on pool and spa safety issues and initiatives by the pool, spa, waterpark, recreation and parks industries; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of American Samoa understand the vital importance of communicating Water Safety rules and programs to families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as "National Water Safety Month". During this Samoan Language Month let us celebrate our identity, our language, and our culture to instill in our youth the importance of the preservation and protection of our customs and traditional practices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six.


PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA
Governor