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The Honorable Governor and Lieutenant Governor extend their full support to acting directors ahead of the Fono confirmation hearing.

Since taking the Oath of Office and assuming leadership of the American Samoa Government, The Honorable Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula and Lieutenant Governor Pulumataala Ae Ae Jr. have made considerable progress in advancing the operations of their administration, committed to taking all necessary measures to ensure that its services to the people, which remain a top priority, are delivered transparently and with full accountability.

General Memorandum No. 012-25, which was released and submitted to the Fono indicating the names of the nominees for the Acting Directors, marks an important first step toward the new administration's commitment and honest governance.

The Honorable Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula and Lt. Governor Pulumataala Ae Ae Jr. are aware of the concerns raised by ASG employees regarding potential terminations by the Acting Directors.

In accordance with the principles of good governance, the public is urged to note that these employees have not been terminated, as reported, but are on notice pending confirmation of the Acting Directors by the Fono. The Deputy Directors have opted to take leave until approval is granted by the Senate. The Acting Directors are fully aware of the responsibilities and limitations inherent in their roles, acknowledging that their appointments are provisional and remain subject to confirmation by the Fono.

As the new administration begins its work, progress will take time. The Honorable Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula remains empathetic to these situations as he leads the American Samoa Government in addressing ongoing financial issues. Fully committed to continue serving the people with integrity and has complete confidence in his cabinet nominees, trusting their abilities to guide the territory toward financial stability and economic development. Both Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula and Lieutenant Governor Pulumataala Ae Ae Jr. extend their best wishes to all appointed directors as they work together.

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