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PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
“Ready, Set, Library”
APRIL 6 – 12, 2025

- WHEREAS,** libraries are essential institutions that enrich communities by providing access to information, technology, and lifelong learning opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** the theme for National Library Week 2025, "Ready, Set, Library!", emphasizes the transformative role of libraries in empowering individuals through knowledge, literacy, and innovation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Feleti Barstow Public Library has been a cornerstone of education and cultural enrichment in American Samoa for 25 years, serving as a vital resource for students, families, and lifelong learners since its establishment in 2000; and
- WHEREAS,** the Feleti Barstow Public Library has made significant contributions to the community through literacy programs, technological advancements, and the preservation of local history, particularly through the Polynesian Photo Archives; and
- WHEREAS,** National Library Week, observed from April 6-12, 2025, provides an opportunity to recognize the importance of libraries and the dedicated librarians who work tirelessly to provide essential services; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 17, 2025, the Feleti Barstow Public Library will celebrate its 25th anniversary, marking a quarter-century of commitment to education, literacy, and community engagement in American Samoa; and
- WHEREAS,** it is fitting to recognize and celebrate the role of libraries in fostering knowledge, opportunity, and social connection, and to honor the Feleti Barstow Public Library on this historic occasion;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NOW, THEREFORE, I, PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim April 6 - 12, 2025, as National Library Week, and April 17, 2025, as Feleti Barstow Public Library Day, in American Samoa, and encourage all residents to visit their local library, participate in library programs, and celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers to our community

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 7th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-five.


PULA ALI'I NIKOLAO PULA
Governor