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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 024 – 25**

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Federal Pause in Grant Funding

Last night, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, ordered a pause to all grants and loans disbursed by the Federal Government. This announcement came with no warning and no additional information.

The American Samoan Government is working to find additional information and details about the implementation of the pause. We are working with Grantees to reach out to their Grantors to get much needed direction.

Currently, it appears that the pause will be in effect until February 12, 2025. All grantees should draw down funding as much as possible to cover at least a two-week period. We will use this time to work with Grantors to clarify the situation.

All grant funded operations must take all reasonable precautions to prepare for the temporary loss of funding. We will continue to work on this issue and will provide further advice as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience and efforts on behalf of the people of American Samoa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pulaali'i", followed by a long horizontal line.

Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula  
Governor