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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## "A More Perfect Union"

The Amerika Samoa Humanities Board President HC Fai'ivae Iuli A. Godinet and Board Members have been awarded \$50,000.00 from the **National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)** in support of the "History and Civics Education" Initiative.

This initiative is intended to support civics education and American history programs that deepen audience understanding of and commitment to our nation's core principles of our nation's constitutional government and democracy. "What an eye opening two years it has been for the people of American Samoa. With the entire world facing uncertainty during this Covid19 Pandemic, the United States has never failed to provide and support our island territory. This is the opportunity we have been waiting for to increase awareness for our people to fully appreciate the union made between the US and our island", says Board President Fai'ivae Iuli A. Godinet.

We are very grateful to the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) for reaching out to the Amerika Samoa Humanities Council.

The funds will support public dialogues and other forms of public participation to explore vitally important topics such as the American Samoa Constitution and Deed of Cession, to name a few.

Please look for our schedule of events on our facebook, website, or find out more by contacting our office. If you would like to participate in any of the forums, send us an email at <a href="mailto:ashcouncil.org">ashcouncil.org</a>.

ASHC is an affiliate of the National Endowment of the Humanities. We work with many organizations to bring humanities-based programming to benefit local community efforts. Organizations interested in learning more about their upcoming grant opportunities and programs conducted should visit our website: <u>http://www.ashcouncil.org</u> 633-4870, 633-4871