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**American Samoa Joins Historic National Effort To Commemorate
250th Anniversary of the United States**
Establishing America250 Commission of American Samoa



On January 31, 2024, Honorable Lemanu Palepoi Sialega Mauga signed Executive Order 002-2024, establishing the America250 Commission of American Samoa, paving the path towards the nation's semiquincentennial celebration. As an integral part of the United States, American Samoa eagerly joins in commemorating this historic milestone, reflecting the rich cultural heritage, resilience, and contributions of its people to the fabric of the nation.

America250 Commission of American Samoa is committed to honoring the unique history and traditions of the territory while embracing the shared values and aspirations of the American people. Through a series of inclusive events, educational programs, and cultural initiatives, the Commission aims to unite communities, foster pride, and inspire the next generation of leaders.

“We are thrilled to announce the launch of the America250 Commission of American Samoa and to embark on this journey of celebration, reflection, and unity,” stated Governor Lemanu. He continued, “As we commemorate America's 250th anniversary, we recognize the importance of honoring our past, celebrating our present, and shaping our future. Together, we will showcase the vibrant tapestry of American Samoa's culture and heritage while reaffirming our commitment to the ideals of freedom, equality, and opportunity.”

The establishment of the America250 Commission of American Samoa underscores the territory's unwavering dedication to the principles of democracy, diversity, and inclusion. Through collaboration with local organizations, government agencies, and community partners, the Commission will engage residents of all ages in meaningful dialogue, storytelling, and cultural exchange, ensuring that the spirit of America's semiquincentennial resonates throughout the islands.

As part of the broader America250 initiative, American Samoa invites residents and visitors alike to participate in a wide range of activities and events that showcase the territory's unique history, traditions, and contributions to the nation.

The commission is comprised of the Governor or his Designee and the Director or Director's designees of the following:

- American Samoa Community College
- American Samoa Council on Arts, Culture, & Humanities
- American Samoa Department of Commerce
- American Samoa Department of Education
- American Samoa Department of Parks and Recreation
- American Samoa Historical Preservation Office
- American Samoa Visitors Bureau
- Feleti Barstow Public Library
- Jean P Haydon Museum
- Office of Archives and Records Management
- Office of Samoan Affairs

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