



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

POLOA'IGA FA'ALAU'ITELE

“MASINA O LE GAGANA SAMOA, MATI 2023”

- TALUAI,** o le olaola ma le faaaoga pea o le gagana Samoa e uuna'ia ai lona tumau ma le atiina'e o le soifuaga faaSamoa; ma
- TALUAI,** o le gagana muamua e tautala ai le 90%+ o tagata Amerika Samoa o le gagana Samoa, aepeita'i ua iloa i se Su'esu'ega o le Gagana Samoa i le teritori i le 2001 e na'o le 67% o i latou na fesiligia na tali mai e tautala i le gagana Samoa i o latou aiga, ma ua tupu a'e ai se popolega; ma
- TALUAI,** ua moomia le mataala ma ni fuafuaga e puipui ai mai le mamulu ese atu o gagana ua afaina ai o tatou tua'oi i le Pasefika e pei o Hawaii, lea ua na'o le 1000+ tagata faamauina e tautala i la latou gagana; ma
- TALUAI,** ua poloa'iina e tulafono a le teritori, o le gagana Samoa o se tasi o gagana aloa'ia lona tulaga tutusa ma le gagana Peretania i a'oa'oga, le malo, le tamaoaiga, ma fealoa'iga a tagata Amerika Samoa; ma
- TALUAI,** o le silafia ma le faaaogaina o le gagana Samoa e le mafai ona tuueseina mai le auai ma fealoa'i lelei ma tagata i lona si'omaga atoa ma le soifuaga faaSamoa.

ONA O LEA, O A'U, TALAUEGA E. V. ALE, Kovana Tofia o Amerika Samoa, e tusa ai ma le malosi'aga ua tuuina mai ia te a'u e le tulafono ma tagata o Amerika Samoa, ua ou poloa'iina le avea o MATI 2023 ma “Masina o le Gagana Samoa” i Amerika Samoa. Tatou faailogaina i le Masina o le Gagana Samoa lo tatou faasinomaga, la tatou gagana, ma la tatou aganuu ina ia totō i tatou talavou le taua o le faasao ma puipui a tatou faatinoga o tu ma aga masani o la tatou agaifanua.

I LONA MOLIMAUINA, ua ou tuuina ai la'u saina ma le faailoga o lo'u tofiga i le aso lena 23 o FEPUARI, i le tausaga o lo tatou Alii e luaafe luasefulutolu.

TALAUEGA E. V. ALE
Kovana Tofia o Amerika Samoa



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PROCLAMATION

“SAMOAN LANGUAGE MONTH, MARCH 2023”

WHEREAS, a vibrant and robust use of the Samoan language supports the survival and development of the *fa'aSamoa*; and

WHEREAS, at least 90% of American Samoans speak Samoan as their first language but a Samoan Language Survey in the territory in 2001 raised concern as only 67% of those interviewed indicated that they use Samoan to converse at home; and

WHEREAS, vigilance and planning is needed as preventative measures against language loss already found at the shores of some of our Pacific neighbors like Hawaii which has only 1000+ recorded speakers; and

WHEREAS, the Samoan language is declared by territorial law as one of the official languages in American Samoa and is recognized as of equal importance with the English language in education, government, economic and social life of the people of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, knowledge and use of the Samoan Language is crucial in preparing individuals for more effective participation in this society and the Samoan way of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALAUEGA E. V. ALE, Acting Governor of American Samoa, proclaim by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and the people of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim MARCH 2023 as “*Samoan Language Month*” in American Samoa. During this Samoan Language Month let us celebrate our identity, our language, and our culture to instill in our youth the importance of the preservation and protection of our customs and traditional practices.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature and seal of my office on this the 23 day of FEBRUARY, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

TALAUEGA E. V. ALE
Acting Governor of American Samoa