



**LEMANU P. S. MAUGA**  
GOVERNOR

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
**AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**  
Telephone: (684)633-4116 Fax: (684)633-2289

**TALAUEGA E. V. ALE**  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 15, 2021

**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 021 – 21**

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

From: Governor of American Samoa


Subject: COVID Memorial (National moment of unity and remembrance)

The Presidential Inauguration Committee will be hosting a memorial to honor all the lives claimed by Covid-19. On Tuesday, January 19, 2021 cities and states across the nation will unite in a moment of remembrance and respect for the 385,000 American lives lost due to the deadly pandemic. Memorial participants will be illuminating buildings, lighting candles, and ringing church bells in a show of solidarity.

In support of our succeeding Commander in Chief, Lt. Governor Talauega and I invite members of the business community, and the various Departments, agencies and offices of the American Samoa Government to do the same within their offices as the:

- United States flag will be flown at half-staff on January 19, 2021
- Office of Samoan Affairs will coordinate with Pulenu'u of villages to ring village/church bells for 30 seconds beginning at 11:30 AM
- American Samoa Government will participate in a moment of silence while bells are being rung at 11:30 AM

As we reflect upon this pandemic and consider the loss of life and the impacts on the affected survivors, let us each take a moment to give thanks to our God for his continued blessings upon our Territory.

  
LEMANU P. S. MAUGA  
Governor

cc: The Honorable Talauega Eleasalo V. Ale, Lt. Governor  
Tuimavave Tauapa'i Laupola, Chief of Staff