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## Governor Lemanu Declares State of Disaster Emergency for the Territory

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On Wednesday, August 17, 2022, Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga declared a State of Disaster Emergency for American Samoa through Executive Order 008-22 An Order Declaring a State of Disaster Emergency Related to the Earthquakes Felt in Ta’u.

“The facts and evidence that have been gathered so far have supported a compelling reason to prioritize the protection of life and property. By signing this Executive Order, I want to ensure that all local resources are made available to respond efficiently and effectively in case these eruptions worsen. I want to recognize and commend the first responders that are on the ground and have been standing by in Manu’a. Many of them have been mobilized to assist with displaced villagers and guarantee the safety of all evacuees.”

Governor Lemanu visited the Manu’a islands on August 15, 2022 to meet with village council members and residents regarding the issue of the recent seismographic activities surrounding the islands.

The emergency declaration is in effect as of August 10, 2022, when the Emergency Operations Center was activated due to multiple daily reports from residents of Ta’u, Ofu and Olosega, reporting a series of frequent tremors and crackling/booming sounds.

Members of the Public are reminded to immediately go to higher ground if a strong or long earthquake is felt, if they observe a sudden drop or rise of sea level, or hear a loud roar from the ocean. The Public is also reminded to report any earthquakes or tremors they may have felt to the EOC and/or the National Weather Service Office in Pago Pago once they are in a safe place.

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