



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

**“SAMOAN LANGUAGE MONTH”**

**MARCH 2024**

**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 are 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, LA'APUI TALAUEGA E. V. ALE,** Acting Governor of the Territory 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 2024 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

**LA'APUI TALAUEGA E. V. ALE**

Acting Governor



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**POLOA'IGA FA'ALAU'ITELE**

**“MASINA O LE GAGANA SAMOA”**

**MATI 2024**

**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, LA'APUI TALAUEGA E. V. ALE,** Kovana Tofia o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa, e tusa ai ma le malosiga ua tuuina mai ia te a'u e le tulafono ma tagata o Amerika Samoa, ua ou poloa'iina le avea o Mati 2024 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 29<sup>th</sup> o February, i le tausaga o lo tatou Alii e lua afe ma le lua-sefulu ma le fa.

  
**LA'APUI TALAUEGA E. V. ALE**  
Kovana Tofia