



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

PROCLAMATION

**“PROCUREMENT MONTH
MARCH 2024”**

- WHEREAS,** the public procurement profession supports the multitude of services provided by governmental agencies and plays a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations; and
- WHEREAS,** in addition to the purchase of goods and services, procurement professionals add value to the organization by cultivating working relationships with suppliers and other departments within the organization; and
- WHEREAS,** the procurement professionals of the American Samoa Government are dedicated to providing the best value for every taxpayer dollar and continue to expand their knowledge, skills and abilities; and
- WHEREAS,** the public procurement professionals serve as the gatekeeper of the competitive process and are entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that competitive processes are conducted with fairness and transparency for our partners in the business community; and
- WHEREAS,** public procurement professionals in the American Samoa Government and in other public and private organizations have tremendous influence on the economic conditions in the Territory of American Samoa, with accumulative purchasing power running into millions of dollars; and
- WHEREAS,** the procurement function for the American Samoa Government is a team effort whereby its success depends upon the efforts and cooperation of the Territory's elected and appointed officials, department heads, departmental staff, purchasing agents, and the vendor community; and
- WHEREAS,** the public procurement professionals in the American Samoa Government recognize, support and practice the Public Procurement Values and Guiding Principles of Accountability, Ethics, Impartiality, Professionalism, Service and Transparency, established by NIGP - The Institute for Public Procurement; and
- WHEREAS,** NIGP has proclaimed the month of March as Procurement Month to further expand the awareness of the procurement professional's role to governmental officials, the general public, and business leaders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LA'APUI TALAUEGA E. V. ALE, Acting Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as "PROCUREMENT MONTH" in the Territory of American Samoa, and call upon its citizens to join in recognizing the critical role and contributions of procurement professionals within business, industry, and government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 28 day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.



LA'APUI TALAUEGA E. V. ALE

Acting Governor