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From: Governor of American Samoa


Subject: Flying of flags at half-staff in Honor of General Colin Powell

Pursuant to Proclamation by the President of the United States, the flags of the United States and American Samoa shall be flown at half-staff until sunset, October 22, 2021, as a mark of respect for General Colin Powell who passed away October 18, 2021 at the age of 84.

General Powell's love for his country is highlighted in his 40 years of public service. His stellar military record propelled his career to serve as the first Black national security advisor under President Reagan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and most notably the first Black Secretary of State. He was both a diplomat and a soldier who helped shape our national security and foreign policy.

President Biden stated "he put country before self, before party, before all else -- in uniform and out -- and it earned him the universal respect of the American people." This is a testament of his unrelenting commitment to protect and serve our great Nation.

Let us reflect on the legacy of General Colin Powell as a trailblazer and role model and take a moment to be grateful for all the great leaders who have helped shape our democracy.


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