



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**Presidents' Day
February 21, 2022
Message from the Governor**

Each year, the third Monday of February marks Presidents' Day – a holiday that began as a way to honor our first President, George Washington. As the United States grew, it developed a dynamic list of leadership; the holiday then evolved to pay homage to all Presidents, past and present, whose exemplary service shape our great Nation.

The presidency is not measured by any single person who holds the office; it is a representation of our nation's highest ideals and commitment to democracy. This day has become synonymous with two of our greatest Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. These great leaders espoused many of the values on which our great Nation was founded. Both commanded with integrity, honesty, and courage; and through their great leadership guided our Nation through the most difficult of times.

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor Talauega and our families, we pay tribute to all who have had the honor to serve as a United States President. May the memory of our greatest leaders and their legacy continue to guide our efforts in securing our citizens quest for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Happy Presidents' Day and God Bless America and our beloved Territory of American Samoa!

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Governor