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Message from the Governor

Billions of people worldwide come together to celebrate the Christmas season. While the season is marked with festive activities and the exchanging of gifts, the spirit of Christmas symbolizes LOVE, HOPE, and the PROMISE of salvation. Christmas is reminiscent of God's pure love, sending His only begotten Son to bring joy and peace to the world with the promise that we will be cleansed of our sins. There is no greater sacrifice than to give up our most cherished so that others may live. This is the true spirit of Christmas; the spirit of Love gifted to us on that first Christmas morning so that we may have everlasting life.

This past year our resolve as a people has been tested. We celebrate this season with thoughts of our triumphs over the many challenges we have faced individually and as a Territory. While our Territory continues to adapt to the changes surrounding the global pandemic, in the midst of all the uncertainty, great work has been done by a large number of people. Words cannot fully express our gratitude for the contributions and the diligence of all those who have dedicated their time and efforts to our Territory's emergency response. Through the Lord's continued favor, protection, and blessings we have emerged a stronger and more resilient people.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us be moved by the Christmas gift of Love and in doing so recommit ourselves to bringing joy and peace into the lives of those less fortunate. Let us continue to pray for those facing personal loss or difficulties that they may find peace. I offer a heartfelt thank you to our military, law enforcement, first responders, health care workers, and for all those who will be working throughout the holidays to keep our community safe. Thank you for your selfless service to our Territory.

On behalf of First Lady Ella Mauga, Lieutenant Governor Talauega E. V. Ale and Good Lady Marian Ale, we wish you all both here and abroad a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May the joy and love of Christmas and the blessings of Christ's infinite grace fill our lives, our families, our community, and our beloved Territory this season and always.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lemanu P. S. Mauga", written over a horizontal line.

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Governor