



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT
PROCLAMATION
FIRST RESPONDERS DAY**

WHEREAS, first responders include nurses, paramedics, emergency medical services personnel, firefighters, police officers, 911 dispatchers, search and rescue teams, emergency management personnel, and members of other organizations in the public safety sector; and,

WHEREAS, first responders risk their lives and selflessly run into danger to protect our territories' citizens, serving as the first defense against emergencies that threaten our communities; and,

WHEREAS, first responders are highly trained and undergo extensive education, training, and personal sacrifice to develop the expertise required to respond to emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, according to the International Public Safety Association, hundreds of first responders are killed in the line of duty each year in the United States and its territories, leaving hundreds of children without a parent; and,


WHEREAS, on this day, we should honor American Samoa's brave, selfless, and compassionate heroes who save countless lives every day and pay tribute to those who paid the ultimate price in the line of duty;

WHEREAS, despite the enormous challenges, inherent risks, and devastatingly stressful jobs, these men and women continue to provide vital services, compassion, and life-saving intervention to those in need; and

WHEREAS, we appreciate the incredible sacrifice and efforts of American Samoa's dedicated first responders who stand to protect the lives of all those in our territory. We also extend our sincere gratitude to the family members of our first responders who sacrifice so much so that we can have safe homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim October 28, 2022, as First Responders Day in American Samoa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the Seal of my office on this 27th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.


LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor