



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

**WETLANDS MONTH**

**May 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**WHEREAS,** American Samoa has several kinds of wetlands including mangrove swamps, freshwater marshes, cultivated wetlands, and ruderal or disturbed wetlands. Many streams and open water bodies can be included within the definition of wetlands; and


**WHEREAS,** the natural resources in wetlands are among our most valuable economic resource; and

**WHEREAS,** the wetlands environment is one of the most valuable resources supporting active subsistence communities; and

**WHEREAS,** through the management, sustainment, and protection of our coastal zone that includes wetlands and marine environment, future generations of American Samoa will benefit and prosper; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA,** Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the Month of May, 2024 as Wetlands Month in American Samoa and urge all citizens to take notice of these events and participate fittingly.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

  
**LEMANU P. S. MAUGA**  
Governor