



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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**GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 245 – 23**

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, President and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Acting Governor of American Samoa

Subject: 14th Anniversary Tsunami Remembrance Church Service

The September 29, 2009, tragedy will forever remain deeply ingrained in our hearts and minds. Every year since then, we have solemnly observed that significant day as an opportunity to honor and stand in solidarity. It is a day of remembrance and support, where we, as leaders, unite to honor the lives lost and provide solace to the grieving families enduring the painful absence of their loved ones. Let us also pay tribute to the unsung heroes whose swift actions amidst the tsunami's aftermath, saved countless lives fourteen years ago.

The Honorable Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga and I, invite you and your spouse to join us at the **14th Anniversary Remembrance Church Service for the 2009 Tsunami Event**. This service will be held at the **CCCAS Siona le Mauga Paia Church in Leone Village at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 29, 2023**. Your presence will undoubtedly lend profound significance to this commemorative day.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you at this event.

TALAEUGA E. V. ALE  
Acting Governor