



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

August 24, 2022

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 128-22

To: Distribution List


From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Flying of flags at half-staff in Honor of HTC Lealao Soloatoa Melila Purcell Jr.

In accordance with 4 U.S.C. § 7(m), the flag of the United States and American Samoa shall be flown on August 26, 2022 from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm, as a mark of respect for HTC Lealao Soloatoa Melila Purcell Jr., who passed away on June 12, 2022 at the age of 70.

HTC Lealao's love for his Territory is highlighted throughout his many years of public and military service. He has made commendable contributions to American Samoa's long history with the United States Military – his 20 years of service in the United States Army Reserve and combat tour in Iraq are a testament of his selfless service and love for our country and countrymen. He also served as the Director of Agriculture from 2012 until 2016.

As we reflect on the life of HTC Lealao Soloatoa Melila Purcell Jr. and his service to our Territory and Nation, let us take a moment to be grateful for all the great leaders who have helped preserve the tenets and ideals of our democracy.


LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor