



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**Nurses Appreciation Week
May 6 – May 12
Message from the Governor**

In 1982, President Ronald Reagan signed a proclamation designating May 6 as “National Recognition Day for Nurses.” What began as a single day of acknowledgment has since evolved into a weeklong celebration of the remarkable contributions of nurses, officially declared as National Nurses Week.

Today, nursing proudly stands as the largest healthcare profession in the United States, with over four million Registered Nurses nationwide. Without a doubt, Nurses are the backbone of our healthcare system, often serving as the first line of defense and the last hope for many. Their dedication, compassion, and commitment to their profession make them true heroes in every sense of the word.

As we observe Nurses Appreciation Week, it is both our privilege and our duty to extend our deepest gratitude and heartfelt recognition to all the nurses of American Samoa. Your selfless dedication and unyielding compassion are the very pillars upon which our healthcare system stands, touching the lives of countless individuals and families in our beloved Territory.

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor La’apui, our families, and the entire American Samoa community, we extend our sincerest *Fa’afetai Tele Lava* to each and every one of you for your invaluable service.

Happy Nurses Appreciation Week!

LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor