



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 231 – 23

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Government-wide Suicide Awareness Training

The devastating impact of suicide has once again struck our Territory. As leaders, it is incumbent upon us to assume a proactive stance in the development and implementation of comprehensive strategies aimed at preventing tragic loss of life. Our ultimate objective is to successfully reduce the incidence of suicide by employing a government-wide suicide awareness training that addresses risks factors and action steps to respond to suicide. Our goal is likely to be achieved if we actively engage in efforts for suicide prevention.

Thus, it starts with us.

The Honorable Lieutenant Governor Talauega E. V. Ale and I wish to invite you to the Opening of the Suicide Awareness Training on Monday, **September 18, 2023 at 8:00 AM** at the **Rex H. Lee Auditorium** in Utulei. We humbly ask to join forces to address this crucial issue and work towards creating a safer community for all.

Your presence will serve as a strong indication to the community that we are committed and dedicated to addressing this issue with the utmost seriousness.

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LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor