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## **Independence Day** **July 4, 2021**

On July 4, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence, asserting self-governance for the thirteen American colonies - severing ties from Great Britain. The Declaration of Independence is a significant landmark in the history of our democracy and prevails as a universal symbol of liberty.

As we celebrate 245 years of independence and the birth of the United States of America, let us remember that freedom is never free and that our independence is secured through the sacrifice of the brave men and women who continue to fight to preserve the liberties we enjoy.

May we always be grateful for the incredible freedom we are blessed with. Let us aspire to uphold the principles on which this great nation was built – life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor Talauega and our families, we pay homage to our heroes for without their sacrifices our great nation would not be this bright beacon of freedom that we are today.

Happy Independence Day!

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## Faamanatuina o le Tutoatasi o Amerika Iulai 4, 2021

E pei ona outou silafia ma tatou iloa, o le masina lenei o Iulai i le tausaga 1776 na tonu ai le finagalo autasi o le Tauaofiaga Lona Lua a le Konekeresi ua faatuina i le Konetineta (Second Continental Congress), o le a faamausalī lo latou vavaeese mai le pule'aga a Peretania. O kolone ia e 13 na amata ai, lea ua ta'ua nei o setete; ma ia avea ma malo tuto'atasi. O lea suiga o se tautinoga lava lea i le lalolagi, ua faavaeina le Malo Tuto'atasi Faatemokarasi o Amerika.

A'o tatou faamanatuina le 245 tausaga o le tuto'atasi o le Malo o Amerika, se'i o tatou manatua faaaloalo le silasilisa mamao a tamā o le Malo Tele, ua tatou 'ae'ae ai nei i le saolotoga ma le tele o faamanuiaga. Se'i o tatou tausisi ma le alofa manatu faavae o loo fausia ai lo tatou Malo.

Ou te avatu ai se lagona o le Afioaga i le Kovana Lutena ma o ma aiga, tatou manatua faatasi toa sa amata mea, e taulagalaga le soifua saoloto ma ia manuia o tatou tagata. O le tatalo faifaipea ia tumau le avea o Amerika ma sulu o faiga faatemokarasi e mulimuli i ai nisi malo o le lalolagi.

Ia manuia le Faamanatuina o le Tutoatasi o Amerika.

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LEMANU P. S. MAUGA  
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