



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

PROCLAMATION

123rd AMERICAN SAMOA FLAG DAY

“Unity Blesses the Nation”

WHEREAS, on April 17, 1900 and July 14, 1904, the Chiefs of Tutuila and Manu’a respectively, by virtue of their offices as the hereditary representatives of the people of their islands, for and on behalf of their people, entered into agreements of cession whereby the islands of Tutuila, Aunu’u, and Manu’a were ceded to the Government of the United States of America, with all sovereign rights thereunto belonging, to be annexed to said Government; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs of Tutuila and Manu’a, for and on behalf of the people of their respective islands, agreed for themselves, their heirs, and representatives by Samoan customs, to owe allegiance to the Government of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, in return, the Government of the United States of America agreed to establish a good and sound government, protect the traditional rights and property of the Samoan people, and promote the peace and welfare of the people; and


WHEREAS, the aforesaid agreements were confirmed by the raising of the Flag of the United States at the United States Naval Station, Tutuila, and Fale’ula, Ta’u; and

WHEREAS, the people of American Samoa and the United States of America, have adhered faithfully to the purposes and obligations of the agreements of cession so entered; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate our longstanding union with the United States of America and uphold the legacy of our Forefathers in establishing a firm foundation for our government; we affirm that we continue to honor this legacy with our Flag Day theme of “Unity Blesses the Nation.”

NOW, THEREFORE, in honor of these momentous historical events, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of American Samoa, proclaim that Flag Day will be celebrated on Monday, April 17, 2023, in American Samoa, for the observance of appropriate ceremonies, commemorating the raising of the Flag of the United States of America over American Samoa.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature and seal of my office on this 13th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.


LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor of American Samoa