



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 168 – 23

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

From: Governor of American Samoa

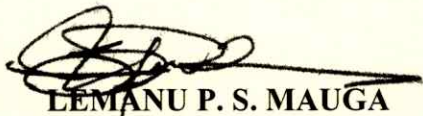
Subject: Holiday- Manu'a Cession Day 2023

Manu'a Cession Day, Sunday, July 16, 2023 will be observed as a holiday in American Samoa on **Monday, July 17, 2023**. All government offices will be closed and normal activities will be suspended on that day.

Employees of the American Samoa Government who are not required to perform essential services shall be excused from their duties. Employees required to perform duties on that day will receive holiday wages in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Manu'a Cession Day commemorates the ceding of the Manu'a islands to the United States after King Tuimanu'a Elisara signed the Deed of Cession of Manu'a in 1904. I encourage you all to take time this weekend to celebrate 119 years of union to the United States of America.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.


LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor