



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**

**“Honoring our Past. Forging our Future”**

**May 19 - 25, 2024**

- WHEREAS**, emergency medical services is a vital public service; and
- WHEREAS**, the members of emergency medical services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and
- WHEREAS**, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and
- WHEREAS**, emergency medical services has grown to fill a gap by providing important, out of hospital care, including preventative medicine, follow-up care, and access to telemedicine; and
- WHEREAS**, the emergency medical services system consists of first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers; and
- WHEREAS**, the members of emergency medical services teams, whether career or volunteer, engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and
- WHEREAS**, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical service providers by designating the Emergency Medical Services Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA**, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of May 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK**. The 50th Anniversary theme of EMS Week is **“Honoring Our Past. Forging Our Future.”** I encourage our community to join me in honoring the selfless dedication of emergency medical service (EMS) professionals who tirelessly serve our community with compassion and skill. Their unwavering commitment to provide critical care deserves our utmost respect and gratitude. Commemorating this week through appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities is greatly encouraged.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto affixed my signature and seal of my office on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

**LEMANU P. S. MAUGA**  
Governor