



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

PROCLAMATION

“NATIONAL NURSES WEEK 2023”

WHEREAS, licensed nurses in the United States and its territories constitute our nation’s largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, National Nurses Week is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of the nurses who work tirelessly across all healthcare sectors, including on the front lines in hospitals, long-term care homes, primary care, and those working in the public health community sector, education, and research; and

WHEREAS, the American Nurses Association’s theme for 2023 is “Nurses Make a Difference” to honor the varying nurses’ roles play in a patient’s health-care journey; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Nurses Association, as the voice for the nurses in this territory, is working to chart a new course for a healthy community that focuses on increasing delivery of primary and preventive health care; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

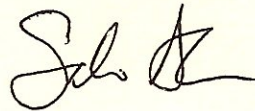
WHEREAS, licensed nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in this community; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by licensed nurses will be an increasingly important component of the American Samoa health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic, and the measles outbreak further highlighted the courage and commitment that nurses bring to their work each day and the crucial role that nurses play in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALAUEGA E. V. ALE, Acting Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim May 6 to 12, 2023 to be NATIONAL NURSES WEEK. I ask all residents of American Samoa to join me in recognizing 125 nurses who care for all of us and celebrating nurses’ accomplishments and efforts to improve our healthcare system, and to show your appreciation not just during this week, but throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 4th day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Talauega E. V. Ale', written in a cursive style.

TALAEUGA E. V. ALE
Acting Governor