



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**PROCLAMATION  
AMERICAN SAMOA ARCHIVES MONTH  
OCTOBER 2024**

**WHEREAS,** the first “Archives Month” was established by the Society of American Archivists and the Council of State Archivists in 2006 and first proclaimed as “American Samoa Archives Month” in 2016, and,

**WHEREAS,** an annual proclamation reminds the public of the many ways that historical records enrich their lives and provides a moment to recognize the archivists and record keepers who protect, promote, and preserve information about individual and cultural rights, government accountability and transparency, and our democracy and,

**WHEREAS,** the American Samoa Department of Administrative Service’s Office of Archives and Records Management is responsible for custody of and access to American Samoa’s permanent and temporary Executive, Judicial, and Legislative files for the American Samoa Government (ASG) workforce, as well as public and private researchers, teachers, students, writers, and any resident or visitor seeking government information, and,

**WHEREAS,** ASG officials, registrars, administrators, and others all share an important role to maintain legal, fiscal, administrative, and historical repositories of American Samoa’s unique story and have been leaders of cultural resiliency and leadership since 1900, and,

**WHEREAS,** the ASG Archives theme this year, “O Sauniuniga Lumana’i Mautu” (Preparing a Secure Future), focuses on how local, national, and international archivists & recordkeepers are adapting to pandemic variants, climate change, artificial intelligence, social protest, and other contemporary issues

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA,** Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws of American Samoa and the United State of America, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as “**American Samoa Archives Month**” in American Samoa, and by so doing, encourage residents to remember the advantages of preserving and sharing the knowledge of the American Samoa’s past and present for future generations.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto affixed my signature and the Seal of my office on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lemanu P. S. Mauga", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**LEMANU P. S. MAUGA**  
Governor