



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

**“POLICE WEEK 2023”**

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY’S “POLICE WEEK,” IN RECOGNITION OF, AND COMMEMORATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF AMERICAN SAMOA’S FINEST POLICE FORCE, WHO ARE SWORN IN OFFICERS OF THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. MEN AND WOMEN IN BLUE WHO ARE UNWAVERING IN COMMITMENT TO SAFEGUARD, PROTECT AND SECURE LIFE, WELLBEING, PROPERTY AND SAFETY OF THE PEOPLE OF THE TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA.

**WHEREAS,** in 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week; and

**WHEREAS,** the members of the law enforcement agency of the Department of Public Safety play an important role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens of our community; and

**WHEREAS,** it is important that all citizens know and understand the problems, duties and responsibilities of their police department, and that members of our department recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, protecting them against violence or disorder, and protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression or intimidation; and

**WHEREAS,** our police department will continue to grow and develop into a modern law enforcement agency which unceasingly provides a vital public service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALAUEGA E. V. ALE,** Acting Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim May 14 – 20, 2023 as the Department of Public Safety’s “Police Week”. I urge our citizens to join in commemorating the Sworn In law enforcement officers, civilian personnel and Commissioners from past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their communities, have established for themselves the rights and security of all citizens of American Samoa.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

**TALAUEGA E. V. ALE**  
Acting Governor