



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**PROCLAMATION
AMERICAN SAMOA ARCHIVES MONTH**

WHEREAS, the first October “National American Archives Month” was promoted by the Society of American Archivists and the Council of State Archivists in 2006 and has since been recognized across the United States and as “American Samoa Archives Month” since 2016; and

WHEREAS, an annual proclamation helps to remind the public of the many ways that historical records enrich their lives and also provides a moment to appreciate the hard work of professionals and organizations who daily protect information that preserves individual and cultural rights, guards government accountability and transparency, and encourages community communication; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Department of Administrative Services - Office of Archives and Records Management is responsible for custody and access to American Samoa’s permanent and temporary Executive, Judicial and Legislature files to public and private researchers, teachers, students, writers, and all residents seeking government information; and

WHEREAS, local archivists, statute officials, recordkeepers, registrars, administrators and others all have an important role in keeping legal, fiscal, administrative and historical repositories that document American Samoa’s unique Democracy and are leaders of cultural resiliency under United States leadership since 1900; and

WHEREAS, the ASG Archives theme this year of “The Searching and Recording of True Information” - “O le Su’eina ma le Fa’amauina o Talamoni” focuses on what local, national and international recordkeepers do.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALAUEGA E. V. ALE, Acting Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me under American Samoa and United States Laws, do hereby proclaim October 2023, as “American Samoa Archives Month” in American Samoa. I humbly encourage all residents to remember the benefits of preserving and sharing the knowledge of past, present and future American Samoans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 23rd day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

TALAUEGA E. V. ALE
Acting Governor