



## Li'o o Pule'aga Itulagi o Atu Motu



Sa usua le fono a le Fono a le Li'o o Pule'aga Itulagi o Atu Motu (IGIA) (Interagency Group on Insular Areas (IGIA) 2023 Senior Plenary Session) i le laumua i Uosigitone i le Ofisa Autu o le Matagaluega o le Initeria (DOI) ia Fepuari 8, 2023. E aumai faatasi e le IGIA ta'ita'i filifilia o Itulagi o Atu Motu o le Iunaite Setete e iai Amerika Samoa, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, ma Motu o Mariana (CNMI) e faatalanoaina

mataupu o loo feagai ma teritori ma taga'i i puna'oa e faatatau i mana'oga o teritori ta'itasi. Sa auai Kovana Lemanu, Faletua Ella Mauga, le Sui i le Konekeresi Uifa'atali Amata, ma nisi o faatonu i le fonotaga a le IGIA. Sa tatalaina le fono e le Failautusi o le Initeria, Deb Haaland i lana saunoaga faafetai i ta'ita'i o teritori i le fofola atu o atugaluga ma le galulue faatasi ma lo latou ofisa e fo'ia ia mataupu. Na saunoa e toe faamautinoa lona

lagolagoina o teritori ta'itasi ma o latou atugaluga. E tofu le ta'ia'i filifilia ma le 5 minute e saunoa ai i o latou atugaluga. O le saunoaga a Kovana Lemanu na tomua i le faafetaia o le Afioga i le Peresitene ma ta'ita'i o le DOI i le solomua i taumafaiga e faagafua le faamalosia o le sao faatulaga o teritori e mafai ai ona faaoga tupe faafoa'i a le Feterale. Sa ia talosagaina foi isi lalā o le feterale e mulimulita'i i lea faagafua ma faataga mai teritori e



faaoga le atoatoa ma tauaao penefiti o faatupega a le feterale ua faatulaga mo teritori. Sa toe ta'ua e Kovana Lemanu se vaega o le saunoaga a Peresitene Biden i le Tulaga o le Malo (State of the Union) i le aso na tua'oi ma le fonotaga, "E leai se mea tatou te mafai pe afai tatou te le galulue faatasi". Na faamanino e Kovana Lemanu lamatiaga ua iai Amerika Samoa ona o aafiaga i le Suiga o le Tau. Sa ia ta'ua ai le ta'utinoga a le Saienisi o Eleele ma le Sami (U.S. Geology) "E ma'ale'ale Amerika Samoa i le siisii o le suasami ona e tifa tō i le sami ona motu (USGS)". "Ou te le fia vaai o magoto ifo o'u motu", o le saunoaga ta'utino lea a le alii aunoaga ta'utino lea a le alii Kovana. Na ia augani ma le naunau ia silasila ane loa ma fesoasoani mai i lenei mataupu ogaoga ua aafia ai le Teritori nei. Na se'e ane lana saunoaga i le mataupu e uiga i Suiga o le Faavae ua pasia e tagata Amerika Samoa. E ui ina faamatalaina le sootaga a Amerika Samoa ma le Iunaite Setete e lē'i faama'otiina se malosi'aga, "a'o loo malosi le tulaga o le temokarasi i le malo." Na saunoa faafetai Kovana Lemanu i le Failautusi Deb Haaland i lona finagalo e feiloa'i ma le usugafono a Amerika Samoa i le aso 7 Fepuari, 2023, ae aupito faagaetia i lona faatāuaina o se leo o tagata Amerika Samoa. Na faaauau lana saunoaga faafetai i le malo Feterale ma ona lālā eseese i le tausiga lē motusia i tagata o Amerika Samoa. a talosaga le alii Kovana mo se faaopoopoga o faatupega ona o le oso maualuga o le tau o le soifuaga,

aemaise oloa e moomia mo poroketi mo le faaleleiga o fausaga. Sa ia saunoa foi e uiga i le Tulafono o le Buy America ua faigata ai ona taga'i Amerika Samoa isi filifiliga o oloa e talafeagai o latou tau ma le faatupega ua aumai. Na saunoa faatusa le alii Kovana i le iai o vaega e tolu i se faugāfale, muamua le malosi o le fale e iai le faavaa poo le faavae ma le tino; le vaega mālū e iai le eletise, meaafale, ma gaosiga faaeletise; ma le vaega e fausia faapitoa e iai le falelēta'ua. "E faaatoa e le isi vaega le tasi vaega. E le mafai ona matou fausia ni auala e aunoa ma falema'i. E le mafai foi ona matou fausia falema'i e aunoa ma ni a'oga. A tasi se vaega matou te lē faia, ua lē atoa le auaunaga mo o matou tagata," o lana toe faaopoopo lea. O lona tolu lenei o fono IGIA a le alii Kovana sa ia faasoa ai i le tāua o le manino i mana'oga o o tatou tagata. E moomia le tasi o fesoota'iga ia silafia ai ma a'oa'oina le tasi teritori mai le tasi. Sa ia fautuaina le faasolo o fonotaga IGIA i atu motu se'i silasila tagata uma o atu motu i o latou ta'ita'i faalemalo. I le ma lenei, o le a maua ai se silafia masani o ta'ita'i i mataupu sa talanoina i fonotaga a le IGIA.



# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Division Directors visit American Samoa EPA



A.S. EPA was visited by the Region 9 Division Directors including the Director of Enforcement and compliance Assurance Division, Amy Miller and Director of Water, Tomas Torress. The visitation assured the AS-EPA about the ongoing efforts of the region to expand the enforcement capacity of various states, territories and tribes to combat local environmental concerns. Directors Amy and Tomas toured and inspected the various sites around the island currently under Clean Water Act (CWA) 404 compliance permitting and so forth.

## AS-EPA Celebrates National Pesticide Safety Education Month

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (US-EPA) commemorates the month of February as the National Pesticide Safety Education Month. In the interest of Pesticide Safety, the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency (AS-EPA) joins the United States EPA in our overall efforts of raising awareness for our people regarding the importance of safety

practices and measures when handling pesticide products. It is very important when purchasing and/or handling pesticide products, that users carefully read and fully understand the pesticide label on how to safely use such product for the protection of public health and the environment.

The AS-EPA advises pesticide handlers to wear the required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as per instructions indicated on the pesticide product label when mixing or applying pesticides.

All pesticide products have varying PPE requirements that can be found on their respective labels. Please review and understand the label before using any pesticide products.

In addition, household pesticide products such as Black Flag, mosquito coils, Pine-Sol, and Clorox bleach should be properly stored to avoid any unnecessary exposure and to keep away from the reach of children. It is important to properly store and dispose of

pesticide products in accordance with its label, so they are not easily accessible to young children as pesticide products contain chemicals that may have severe consequences to health in the short and/or long term. Empty pesticide containers cannot be reused for any purpose whatsoever and must be disposed of when fully exhausted.





This month's celebration kicked off with school outreaches at Marist St. Francis and Mary the Mother Montessori schools in Lepua. The celebration included a collaborated outreach with the Department of Health at the Pava'ia'i Elementary School to promote the safe use and disposal of pesticides in classrooms and at home. The outreach team will host various radio shows, televised segments, and school outreaches in the community throughout the remainder of the month to heavily emphasize the importance of practicing safety when storing, using, and disposing pesticides. AS-EPA Director Lefega Fa'amao Asalele Jr. encourages the community to practice safety measures when handling pesticide products within or around residential areas. He reminded that everyone can make a difference in safeguarding human health and the environment by safely handling pesticide products.



*AS-EPA conducted a school outreach at the Marist St. Francis and Mary the Mother Montessori to commence the celebration of February as the Pesticide Safety Education Month nationwide and Catholic Education Week. Students and staff are pictured with gift prizes and a recycling bin awarded by the AS-EPA for their recycling program.*

## American Samoa Celebrates Heart Month

Dr. Eric Carter and Sister Allison Carter took the lead in organizing the Heart Month with LBJ and partnered with several American Samoa Government departments and private organizations and businesses to host different activities.

The main goals of the events were to bring awareness to the people of American Samoa and to showcase different activities to get people moving. Elder and Sister Carter campaigned that every activity helps the heart pumping and stay healthy.

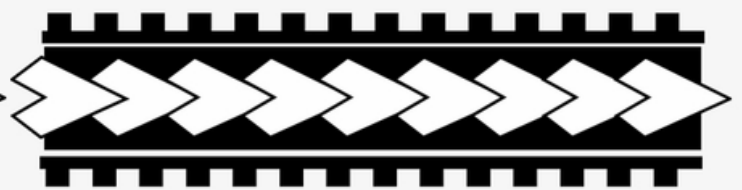
The activities for the Heart month were spread throughout the month of February. These activities include the Heart Awareness Wave, Various Screening, Campaign to Eat Smart, Fitness and Sports, and concluded with the Olympic Day held at the Lion's Park.

Lt. Governor and his family attended the Olympic Day activities and witnessed the community participating in different activities. Ethan Lake of ASNOC stated that, "As we move towards concluding the Heart Month, we to continue to share with our community and ingrain in them that exercise

movement are very important to our health, especially to our heart health."











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**FEBRUARY PROCLAMATIONS**

Masina o le Gagana Samoa  
National Disability Month  
Procurement Month  
March of Dimes Anniversary Month

**FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

New Membership Criteria for  
Governor's Youth Council and  
Superseding Order 0010-2022

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 01 -Samoan Language Wave  
March 05 -National Disability Month  
Service  
March 13-17- Adopt a School Initiative  
March -Samoan Language Month  
March - Procurement Month  
March - March of Dimes Anniversary  
Month