



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL DRUNK, DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

DECEMBER 2023

WHEREAS, the National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, or the National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month, is an annual designation observed in the month of December;

WHEREAS, if you have been drinking or are under the influence of drugs, do not operate a vehicle. Remember, you are committing the crime of impaired driving whenever your ability to operate a vehicle is impaired by effects of illegal drugs, prescription medication, over-the-counter medication, or a blood-alcohol concentration of 0.08 grams per deciliter or higher;

WHEREAS, in American Samoa the number of Driving-Under-the-Influence is steadily decreasing from 184 arrested for drunk driving in 2018 to 101 arrested for drunk driving in 2022, and this may be attributed to the annual reminders for friends and family to drive responsibly. By educating and setting a good example we can begin to turn the tide of impaired driving, and focus on the connectedness and joy that this time of year should truly be about;

WHEREAS, the following tips should be observed through this season and throughout the year:

- Always **plan ahead**. Designate a sober driver and arrange for an alternative route home just in case.
- If you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or even friend. Talk to your loved ones to **remind them how important it is to be responsible and stay safe**.
- If you are the one hosting the party, always offer a **non-alcoholic option** for drinks for your guests so they can still have a good time eating and drinking with everyone else!

WHEREAS, public and private organizations from our territory are joining the Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety in promoting the National Drunk, Drugged Driving Prevention Month 2018 under the theme: "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" this December by supporting anti-impaired driving program and policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Lemanu P. S. Mauga do hereby proclaim December 2023, as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month in American Samoa and hereby call upon all citizens, government agencies, business leaders, hospitals, schools, and public and private institutions in American Samoa to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to support programs and policies to reduce the incidence of impaired driving, to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs,

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and to provide opportunities for all to participate in the “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign this December holiday season and throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and Seal of the Office of the Governor on this 15th day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.

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

LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor



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FOLAFOLAGA FA'ALAU'ITELE

**MASINA O LE PUIPUIGA MAI LE AVE TA'AVALE FA'ASUA'AVĀ
TESEMA 2023**

TALUAI, o le masina o Tesema o se vaitau lea mo mafutaga fiafia ma aiga; o se taimi e toe manatunatu ai i meaalofo ma fa'amanuiaga ua tatou maua. A'o le vaitau o le Kerisimasi ma le Tausaga Fou o taimi lea e fa'ateteleina ai fa'avelave e mafua mai i le tagofia o ava malosi ma fuala'au fa'asaina ao fa'afeina le ta'avale. O le mea lea ua fa'ailoga ai le masina nei o Tesema ma masina fa'apitoa mo le puipuga o le aveta'avale a'o tagofia le ava malosi ma fuala'au fa'asaina (National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, National Drunk and Drugged Driving 3D Prevention Month); ma:

TALUAI, o le ava malosi ma fuala'au fa'asaina ua fai lea ma mafuaga ua tele ai fa'avelave tau ta'avale i luga o auala. E tusa ma le 4,000 tagata e maliliu i totonu of Amerika ma ona teritori ona ole fa'afeina o le taavale a'o tagofia le ava malosi ma fuala'au fa'asaina; ma:

TALUAI, i Amerika Samoa, o lo'o matauina pea le fa'aititia o i latou ua taofia e Leoleo ona o le fa'afeina lea o le ta'avale a'o tagofia ava malosi ma fuala'au fa'asaina mai le *184 i le tausaga, 2018 i le 104 i le tausaga, 2022*; ma o lo'o ono a'afia ai pea le soifua o tatou tagata. O le mea moni, e tasi le tatou auala; ma o i latou o fa'afeina ta'avale a'o fa'asua'ava, e le gata e ono afaina lo latou lava soifua, a'o soifua fo'i o le lautele. O le mea lea e ao ai i le taimi nei o aso fiafia ona fa'amalosi'au i aiga ma uo ina ia fa'afeina lelei ta'avale. E fautuaina ai pea le mamalu o le tatou atunu'u i le taua tele o lau matafaioi tausi, aemaise ai le tausisia o a tatou tulafono. ma:

TALUAI, o fa'alapotopotoga ese'ese i totonu o le tatou atunu'u ua galulue fa'atasi nei ma le Matagaluega o le Puipuga o le Saogalumu Lautele (DPS) ma le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina (DOH), e fa'alailoa le masina nei o Tesema mo le puipuga o le aveta'avale onā e mafua i le tagofia o le ava malosi ma fuala'au fa'asaina;

O LE MEA LEA, O a'u o LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Kovana o Amerika Samoa, ou te fa'ailoa atu fa'alauaitele le masina nei o Tesema 2023, e avea ma masina mo le puipuga o le aveta'avale a o tagofia le ava malosi ma fuala'au fa'asaina, ma ou te talosaga atu I o tatou tagatanu'u, ofisa o le malo, ta'ita'i o pisinisi, falema'i, a'oga ma so'o se fa'alapotopotoga, ina ia fesoasoani e fa'alautele le iloa e tagata i le fa'afitauli o le aveta'avale ona, ia lagolago atu i polokalama ma fa'ai'uga uma, ia fa'aititia ai le fa'afitauli; ia saili auala saogalemu ma ala talafeagai o le fa'aaogaina o le ava malosi ma fuala'au, ma saili avanoa mo tagata uma e auai i taumafaiga e puipui ai le aveta'avale ona, a e maise lava i le masina o Tesema atoa ma le tausaga fou.

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Ua ou fa'amaonia, MA FA'AMAUFA'AIOLOGAINA I LO'U SAINIA O LENEI Poloai'ga Fa'alaua'itele i le aso 1 o Tesema, i le tausaga lua afe lua sefulu tolu.



LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Kovana