



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

PROCLAMATION

**“AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH
MARCH 2024”**

WHEREAS, during American Red Cross Month in March, we recognize the compassion of people in American Samoa and reaffirm our commitment to care for one another in times of crises; and

WHEREAS, this generous spirit is woven into the fabric of our community and advances the humanitarian legacy of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton – one of the most honored women in our country’s history – who nobly dedicated herself to alleviating suffering; and

WHEREAS, having celebrated a centennial of service to the American Samoa people, the Red Cross looks to its history of compassion to plan its future; and

WHEREAS, today, kindhearted individuals in our community exemplify Barton’s commitment as they step up throughout American Samoa to provide a beacon of hope for our neighbors in need; and

WHEREAS, through their voluntary and selfless contributions, they make a lifesaving difference in people’s darkest hours – whether it’s delivering shelter, food and comfort during disasters; supporting military families, veterans and caregivers through the unique challenges of service; saving lives with first aid, CPR and other skills; or delivering aid and reconnecting loved ones separated by global crises; and

WHEREAS, we hereby recognize this month of March in honor of all those who lead with their hearts to serve people in need, and we ask everyone to join in this commitment to strengthen our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALAUEGA E. V. ALE, Acting Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as "Red Cross Month". I encourage all citizens of American Samoa to reach out and support its humanitarian mission.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Talauega E. V. Ale".

TALAUEGA E. V. ALE
Acting Governor