



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**PROCLAMATION**

**“LYMPHATIC FILARIASIS”**

**“4<sup>th</sup> Round of Mass Drug Administration  
August 13, 2023 – September 22, 2023”**

**WHEREAS,** the Office of the Governor and the Department of Health are committed to stop the spread of preventable diseases in the territory; and

**WHEREAS,** lymphatic filariasis has been recognized as a debilitating parasitic disease that disproportionately affects the population of American Samoa; and

**WHEREAS,** the people of American Samoa are at risk of contracting this disease; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Health, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control, and the World Health Organization, seeks to eliminate lymphatic filariasis from the territory; and

**WHEREAS,** the World Health Organization recommends an annual dose of three medications be administered to populations in areas where lymphatic filariasis is prevalent; and

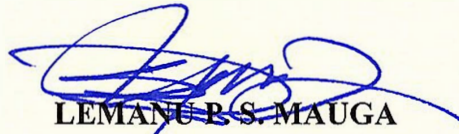
**WHEREAS,** as a result of this remarkable effort, the Department of Health is able to provide these medications to the citizens of American Samoa at no cost on a voluntary basis; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Health has created a multi-disciplinary team to dispense these medications throughout the territory, and will provide each participant with an overview of the substantial medical benefits and known risks associated with medications in accordance with applicable law; and

**WHEREAS,** the medications to be administered have been demonstrated to be safe and effective.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA,** Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim that a mass drug administration and public health campaign to eliminate lymphatic filariasis shall commence, and I urge all citizens to participate in the campaign by attending the sites of the drug administration in order to ensure a healthy and strong population.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three.



LEMANU R. S. MAUGA  
Governor