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PROCLAMATION
AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

- WHEREAS,** American Red Cross of American Samoa is celebrating 98 years of service to the Territory; and,
- WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, a woman selflessly devoted to the needs of humankind; and,
- WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross keeps military service members and their families in touch around the world; and,
- WHEREAS,** the American Red Cross offers training in First Aid, CPR, and other skills and provides lifesaving blood across America; and,
- WHEREAS,** in major disasters are recent as Tropical Cyclone Gita in 2018, American Red Crosses from across the Regions were deployed to help American Samoa, an emergency 747 Charter with more relief supplies were airlifted to help our disaster victims' immediate needs,
- WHEREAS,** local American Red Cross preparedness depends upon a readily available supply of disaster supplies, well trained and enthusiastic volunteers and the financial support of the people of American Samoa; and,
- WHEREAS,** these resources must be available at a moment's notice when a personal or family crisis strikes, or a natural, or man-made disaster occurs; and,
- WHEREAS,** for 98 years the American Red Cross of American Samoa has met the immediate needs for people affected by disasters or other misfortune, for which the public has responded by continuously renewing its commitment to this worthwhile humanitarian organization which is here to serve us each and every day of the year; and,
- WHEREAS,** the local American Red Cross attributes the successful completion of its newly constructed American Red Cross American Samoa Community Partnership Building to mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of public and private donors.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim March 2021 to be American Red Cross Month in American Samoa. I commend the good work of the American Red Cross in our Territory and strongly encourage all residents to donate, assist, and support the efforts of this organization in keeping with our spirit of giving and compassion for fellow mankind.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of my office on this 24th, day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-one.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Mauga', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

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Governor of American Samoa