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PROCLAMATION

“Designating October 2021 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month”

WHEREAS; considerable progress has been made in the fight against breast cancer, it remains the most frequently diagnosed type of non-skin cancer and the second leading diagnosed cancer among the women of American Samoa. As we display ribbons and banners on our lapels, offices, and storefront we also support those courageously fighting breast cancer and honor the lives lost to this devastating disease; and

WHEREAS; thanks to earlier detection and better treatment, mortality rates for breast cancer can be steadily decreased; and

WHEREAS; knowing what may contribute to breast cancer is an important part of its prevention. Risk factors for breast cancer include family and personal history, radiation therapy to the chest for previous cancers, obesity, and certain genetic changes. Getting regular screenings, may help lower the chances of developing breast cancer and women and men are encouraged to talk with their health care provider about their risks and what they can do to mitigate them, and to learn more about the symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment of breast and other cancers; and

WHEREAS, during National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we stand with our mothers, daughters, sisters and friends, and we recognize all who have joined their loved ones in fighting their battle, as well as the advocates, and health care providers whose care and hard work gives hope to those living with breast cancer. By educating ourselves and supporting each other, we will improve the quality of life for all affected by breast cancer.

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Government is pleased to join with the Department of Health and the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program (BCCEDP) as well as the Comprehensive Cancer Control program (CCCP) in promoting Breast Cancer Awareness through community outreach activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the Month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month in American Samoa and I encourage all citizens to join in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature on this 1st day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-one.



LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor of American Samoa