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AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

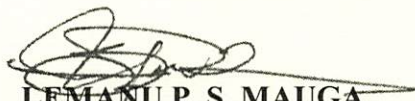
PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL NURSES WEEK
“Nurses Make the Difference”**

- WHEREAS**, registered nurses in the United States and approximately 160 licensed nurses in American Samoa constitute our nation’s largest health care profession; and
- WHEREAS**, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different and emerging health care needs of the American Samoa population in a wide range of settings; and
- WHEREAS**, the American Samoa Nurses Association, as the voice for all the nurses in the territory, is working to chart a new course for a healthy nation that relies on increasing access to primary and preventive health care services; and
- WHEREAS**, professional nursing is an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of hospitalized and non-hospitalized patients; and
- WHEREAS**, the demand for licensed nursing services will be greater than ever because of the aging of our territory’s population, emerging health challenges, the continuing expansion of life-sustaining technologies, and the explosive growth of home health care services; and
- WHEREAS**, more qualified licensed nurses are needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of health care consumers in our community; and
- WHEREAS**, the cost-effective, safe, and high-quality health care services provided by licensed nurses will be an increasingly important component of the American Samoa’s health care delivery system in the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 – 12 as National Nurses Week with the theme, **“Nurses Make the Difference,”** with appreciation for nurses’ unparalleled impact during the pandemic, and their contributions to health care services in the territory. I call upon the residents of American Samoa to join me in honoring the nurses who care for all of us, and celebrate the nurses’ accomplishments and efforts to improve our health care system and show our appreciation for our nurses not just this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the seal of my office on this 30th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-four.


LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor