



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**Memorial Day
May 27, 2024
Message from the Governor**

Our nation's history is defined by a strong legacy of real-life heroes who have embraced the responsibility of defending our democracy and who have embodied the cost of freedom. Memorial Day is a solemn day of national remembrance, dedicated to honoring every patriot who bravely made the ultimate sacrifice to safeguard our way of life.

Today, we pause in solemn remembrance to reflect on the legacy of our fallen heroes and the life they made possible for us through their great sacrifices. Let us unite as a community in gratitude, never forgetting their bravery and selflessness. As we pay tribute to those who have gone before us, let us renew our commitment to honor their memory in our words and actions. Let us strive each day to be worthy of the sacrifices they made, and to build a future that is worthy of their legacy.

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor La'apui and our families, we extend our deepest gratitude and admiration to our fallen heroes. Their sacrifices merit the utmost acknowledgment and respect from us all. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the families of our fallen heroes, who have endured the ultimate sacrifice alongside their loved ones.

May we never forget that freedom is not free!

LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor