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PROCLAMATION

“NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”

April 2021

WHEREAS, the problem of child abuse and neglect significantly affects the health, economic and educational future of many of American Samoa’s children; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse is an effort that we must undertake as one family, and in our schools, neighborhoods, and communities, we must look after every child as if they are our own; and

WHEREAS, between four and eight children die every day from abuse or neglect, but together we can prevent these tragedies from occurring. Children who are being abused or neglected may display constant alertness, sudden changes in behavior and school performance, or untreated physical or medical issues. Child abuse may take many forms, including physical, sexual, neglect, and emotional abuse; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse and neglect can negatively impact a child throughout their life. Together, we must address this issue so that our children and our children's children never know the pain caused by child abuse; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Human and Social Services (DHSS) is committed to involving government agencies, churches, businesses, media, parents, educational institutions, policymakers, health service providers, and community-based organizations, in working diligently to provide protection, investigation, health care, education and services to children, and families in an effort to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

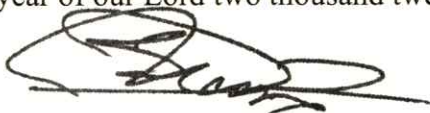
WHEREAS, we must all join in the work of uplifting and safeguarding our youngest individuals and ensuring they are limited by nothing but the size of their dreams and the range of their aspirations. This month, let us aim to eradicate child abuse from our society. Let us secure a future for our children that is bright and full of hope, opportunity, and security; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year’s campaign is “THRIVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: PREVENTION WITH PURPOSE.”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby, proclaim the Month of April as “*National Child Abuse Prevention Month.*” I urge all residents of American Samoa to join in the vital task of protecting

our children and young people from harm. I commend the dedicated parents, service providers, and all concerned individuals who lead by example, in assisting our children.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature and affix the Seal of my Office on this 1st day of April, 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 at the end.

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POLOAIGA FA'ALAU'ITELE

Masina o le "PUIPUIA O LE SAUĀINA O FANAU" APERILA 2021

TALUAI, o le mataupu tugā o le "*Sauāina o Fanau*," ua matuā āfaina ai le lumana'i o le soifua mālōlōina, tamāoaiga ma a'oa'oga o alo ma fanau o Amerika Samoa; ma

TALUAI, o le tete'e atu i le sauaina o fanau o se taumafaiga e tatau ona tatou galueina faatasi pei o se aiga, i totonu o aoga, vai'a'ai faatasi ai ma tagata lautele ina ia tatou nofo va'ava'aia alo ma fanau mo lo latou manuia, e pei ona tatou faia i a tatou lava fanau; ma

TALUAI, e i le va o le 4 aga'i atu i le 8 o fanau e maliliu i aso ta'itasi ona o le sauāina, ae a tatou tūtū fa'atasi, e mafai ona tatou taofia nei faafitauli ae le'i tutupu. O alo ma fanau ua sauāina e fa'aalia uiga mataala, suiga fa'afuase'i i amio fa'aalia ma taumafaiga i a'oa'oga, faatasi ai ma manu'a e le'i togafitiina. E tele ituaiga sauāina o fanau, e aofia ai le itū o manu'alia fa'aletino, feusua'iga, faatamala ile tausiga/aiā tatau ma lagona tu'ulafoaina; ma

TALUAI, o a'afiaga o le sauāina o fanau e mafai ona iai le faanoanoaga ma mafatiaga mata'utia i o latou soifua se'i o'o lava ina tagata matua. I lo tatou tūtū fa'atasi, e mafai ai ona tatou talanoaina ma tete'e atu i lenei mataupu ina ia aua ne'i lagonaina pe toe a'afia ai o tatou fanau ma a latou fanau i mafatiaga e mafua mai ona o le sauāina o fanau; ma

TALUAI, ua tu'uina atu atoa i le Matagaluega Tautua ma Alagamanuia mo Tagata Lautele ina ia aofia tautua uma a le Mālō, Ekalesia, pisinisi, ofisa fa'asalalau, mātua, ā'oga, 'au tusitala, Maoto Fono, auunaga o le soifua mālōlōina ma fa'alapotopotoga mo tagata lautele, e galulue fa'atasi ia fa'atinoina le puipuiga, saili'iliga, tautua fa'a-le-soifua mālōlōina, a'oa'oga, ma isi tautua mo fanau, tupulaga, ma āiga, i se taumafaiga e puipuia ma tete'e atu i le sauāina o fanau; ma

TALUAI, e ālaga tatau ona tatou limalima faatasi i le faamalosi'au ma le puipuiina o fanau ma 'ia mautinoa e leai se malosi e taofia ai o latou moemitiga ma le vaai mamao mo sini ma fa'amoemoe mo le lumana'i. O lenei masina, ia tatou naunau ina ia ave'eseina le sauāina o fanau mai o tatou nu'u ma alalafaga, a ia tatou atia'e se lumana'i e mautū ma faatumulia i le faamoemoe, avanoa manuia, ma le saogalemu; ma

TALUAI, o le puipuiga o le sauāina o fanau ua fa'amaonia e 'ausia i feso'otaiga vāvā lalata a mātua ma ā latou fanau, fa'atasi ai ma le lagolago malosi o tagata lautele e ala i a'oa'oga fa'alauiloa atu; ma

TALUAI, o le manulauti o lenei tausaga i fa'agaoioiga uma ia, "AIGA MA FANAU MANUIA: PUIPUIGA E IAI LE FA'AMOEMOE"

O LEA, O A'U, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, o le Kovana Sili o Amerika Samoa, ou te poloa'iina ai le masina o Aperila e "*Puipuia ai le Sauaina o Fanau*" e auala atu i le pule fa'a-le-malo o lo'o ia te a'u. Ou te augani atu i le mamalu o le atunu'u ina ia tatou 'au faatasi i le matāfaioi o le puipuia o fanau mai ia a'afiaga. Ou te fa'amalō atu i mātua, le mālō, tautua ma auaunaga ese'ese, fa'apea tagatanu'u uma o lo'o soifua i ta'ita'iga e fesoasoani i alo ma fanau.

UA FA'AMAONIA LENEI POLOAIGA, e ala i lo'u sainiaina, faatasi ai ma le fa'amaufa'ailoga a lo'u ofisa ua faia i le aso 1 o Aperila, i le tausaga o le Mesia e lua afe lua sefulu ma le tasi.



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