



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

July 22, 2024

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 163 – 24

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Preserve Naumati Wave

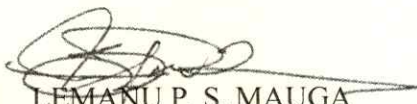
The Naumati Forest is a treasure of unparalleled value, one that merits our commitment to its preservation. Nestled in the heart of the Pacific, it is among the last of the lava-flow lowland rainforests, a sanctuary for an extraordinary diversity of plants and animals, some of which are found only in American Samoa.

The Naumati Forest provides essential benefits to the people of American Samoa. Most critically, it is integral to our water supply, acting as a natural reservoir where rainwater replenishes the aquifer that sustains our daily lives. Without the Naumati Forest, our challenges with clean water would become even more severe.

For these reasons, Department of Marine and Wildlife Resources (DMWR) submitted the proposal “Last Stand: Preserving Naumati Lowland Rainforest,” under the Fiscal Year 2024 Infrastructure Reduction Act special grant category for State-Tribal Partnership Projects. To show support for this proposal and the importance of preserving the Naumati Forest, DMWR with support from the Governor’s Office will be hosting a wave on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 6:00AM in front of Tropical Chicken in Tafuna. We ask that everyone wear GREEN to show support.

Directors are asked to encourage participation by their employees for this event to show that ASG stands in support of preserving this important natural and cultural landmark.

Together we can ensure the Naumati Forest is preserved for generations to come.


LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor