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Thanksgiving Day

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Message from the Governor


In 1621, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag shared a harvest feast that is acknowledged today as the first Thanksgiving. In 1863, modern Thanksgiving was officially established when President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation calling for the last Thursday of November to be set aside as a day of Thanksgiving. On December 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a resolution establishing the Federal Thanksgiving Day holiday. Thanksgiving Day has evolved over the years but endures as National Day of Gratitude – convening friends, families, and loved ones to break bread and celebrate all the triumphs and blessings no matter how small.

This Thanksgiving Season, we celebrate all the blessings that have been bestowed upon our Territory. We are thankful for the wisdom and foresight of our forefathers in ensuring our unique union with the United States – granting us the privilege of being an integral part of America while simultaneously maintaining our unique culture and heritage. We thank all our military personnel who continue to defend our Nation and Territory so that we may enjoy the blessings of Thanksgiving. And most importantly, we thank God for his steadfast love, grace and never-ending providence.

While this year has seen its challenges, there is much to be grateful for. Together, as community, we continue to navigate through the uncharted waters of this pandemic. In this season of gratitude, Lieutenant Governor Talauega and I are thankful for our entire workforce both public and private; we commend the diligent work of every person plays a part moving our Territory forward and strengthening the resolve of our People.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, I encourage you all to show appreciation for your families, friends, and loved ones and take time to remember everything that you are grateful for. Let us also take a moment to be grateful for the Lord's continued favor, protection, and blessings on our Territory.

On behalf of Lieutenant Governor Talauega and our families, we wish you all both here and abroad a happy and safe "Thanksgiving Day!"


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Loto Faafetai

Feau mai le Kovana

Ou te faafeiloa'i atu i le mamalu o lo tatou atunuu ma le agaga faagaetia i le ofoofogia o le alofa o le Atua i lo tatou teritori itiiti. Ou te talitonu e lē lilo i la outou silasila le tele o faamanuiaga ia i tatou taito'atasi ma o tatou aiga, afioaga, galuega ma a'oa'oga, o vaega tuma'oti, ma lo tatou malo. Ua ma'ua vaalau atu ai ma le Afioaga i le Lutena Kovana i lenei tau o le Loto Faafetai. Aumaia o outou finagalo se'i o tatou manatunatu loloto faatasi ma faafetai i le Atua. Tatou manatua vavega o le faasaoina o i tatou mai le pepesi o le faama'i oti i lenei lua tausaga. Ua le o se malosi o ta'ita'i poo se poto faafoma'i, a'o le aao lavea'i o le Atua.

E avea foi lenei aso ua faatulagaina e augātamā ma Peresitene o le Malo Tele e folasia ai la ma'ua faafetai ma le Afioaga a Talauega i lo outou punonou ma le faamaoni e tautua lo tatou malo. Ua silafia e le Atua lou galue i aso ta'itasi, e amata mai lava i se auauna nofo tuāvae ma lē iloa atu e nisi lau tautua e oo lava i se ta'ita'i iloga. O i latou foi e lamatia le soifua i auaunaga i le ao ma le po, faafetai. E ui i le souā o le folauga ona o faafitauli ogaoga ua tula'i mai aemaise i feteena'iga o finagalo, a ua molimauna e sulu o le tino lo outou lē vaivai pe solomuli ai. E talitonu o le tautua ma le loto nuu ua puna a'e ai le loto malie ma ua faigofie ai ona tatou tausoa faatasi la tatou avega. Ia liligi ifo e le Atua faamanuiaga lē motusia o le loto faafetai ma le fiafia.

Ia manuia le gasolo atu i malumalu e siitia faatasi le faafetai i soo se alaalfaga i o tatou motu ma tulimanu uma o le lalolagi o loo tatou afaatasi i le Loto Faafetai. Ia mafanafana le alofa i faatasiga i aiga ta'itasi i lenei aso faapitoa.

Manuia le Aso Faafetai!

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