



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 244 – 23

To: Distribution List

From: Acting Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Flying flags at half-staff on September 29, 2023 to Honor the 34 Victims of the 2009 Tsunami

As we approach the somber 14th anniversary of the September 29, 2009 tragedy, we remember the enduring impact on the heart and soul of American Samoa. This day reminds us of our unity, resilience, and the heroic actions of our unsung heroes who saved countless lives. In the face of unprecedented adversity, we witnessed the strength and courage of our community. Your selfless commitment and swift response serve as a testament to the bonds that unite us.

In honor of the 34 victims of American Samoa, whose lives were taken by the Tsunami of September 29, 2023, it is hereby directed that the flags of the United States and American Samoa shall be flown at half-staff from sunrise September 29, 2023 till sunset of the same day.

Let us stand in solemn tribute to their memory and enduring presence in our hearts.

TALAUEGA E. V. ALE
Acting Governor