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## PROCLAMATION NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

This year National Public Works Week celebrates the vital role the American Samoa Department of Public Works plays in connecting us all together. As a cornerstone of our society, Public Works provides, maintains, and improves the structures and services that assure a higher quality of life for our communities. Its roads, bridges, shoreline protection and public transportation keeps us linked together, its buildings: residential; commercial and government facilities are provided the proper building codes to maintain safety; allowing our communities to grow and prosper. We proudly salute and thank the hundreds of Public Works professionals who work tirelessly every day, providing public services that help our communities thrive.

- WHEREAS, public works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizen's everyday lives; and
- WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed public is vital to the efficient operation of public works systems and programs such as road infrastructures, shoreline protection, buildings, public transportation for the elderly and disables and all services offered under ASDPW jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS, the health, safety and comfort of the community greatly depends on these facilities and services; and
- WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works officials; and
- **WHEREAS**, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff public works department is materially influenced by the public's attitude and understanding of the importance of the work they perform; and
- WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 61st annual National Public Works Week; and
- WHEREAS, the theme for this year's campaign is "STRONGER TOGETHER"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of American Samoa, by the virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby, proclaim the month of May as *National Public Works Week*. I urge all residents and organizations of American Samoa to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our Public Works and to recognize contributions which Public Works officials make every day to our health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature and affix the Seal of my Office this  $14^{th}$  day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

LEMANU P. S. MAUGA

Governor of American Samoa