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PROCLAMATION
Disability Employment Awareness Month
“America’s Recovery: Powered by Inclusion”

WHEREAS, October 2021 marks the 76th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month celebrating “America’s Recovery: Powered by Inclusion” reflects the importance of ensuring people with disabilities have full access to employment and community involvement during the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month is to educate about disability employment issues and celebrate the many and varied contributions of America’s workers with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the history of National Disability Employment Awareness Month began in 1945 enacted by Congress to be celebrated the first week in October now expanded to month as of 1988; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) State Plan improves access to education and workforce services for individuals with significant barriers to employment to include veterans and individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

WHEREAS, activities during this month will reinforce the value and talent of people with disabilities add to our workplaces and communities and affirm American Samoa’s commitment to an inclusive community that increases access and opportunities to all, including individuals with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of American Samoa, proclaim October, 2021 as NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH in American Samoa and call upon employers, schools, and other community organizations in the territory to observe October with appropriate programs and activities, and to advance its important message that people with disabilities add values and talent to our workplace and communities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my signature and affix the Seal of my Office this 1st day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lemanu P. S. Mauga", written over a horizontal line.

LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor of American Samoa