

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION

"CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK" "BUILDING EQUITABLE COMMUNITIES!"

- WHEREAS, American Samoa's diverse communities serve as a foundation for providing high quality of life for its residents; and,
- WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) provide flexible funding to states and localities to support economic development, community development, and infrastructure; and,
- WHEREAS, Since its inception through Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the CDBG program has funded more than \$160 billion in block grants to support eligible program activities across the nation; and,
- WHEREAS, The Community Development Block Grant Program has been continuously administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) since 1974, making it one of the longest HUD funded community improvement and housing affordability programs; and,
- WHEREAS, American Samoa's Community Development Block Grant Program has demonstrated a dedication to the revitalization and development of our local communities through various local projects; and,
- WHEREAS, April 11-15, 2022 has been designated by the National Community Development Association as National Community Development Week in recognition of the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of the Territory of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim the Week of April 11 – 15 in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two to be the National Community Development Week in our Territory and strongly encourage all residents to show support for development activities this week and throughout the year because our vibrant communities provide the foundation for a high quality of life for our residents.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my signature and the Seal of my office on this 11th day of April, in the year of our <u>Lor</u>d two thousand twenty-two.

LEMANU P. S. MAUGA

Governor