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## “American Samoa Resilience Commission.”

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On Tuesday, February 15, an official opening ceremony of the American Samoa Resilience Commission (ASRC) was held at the Veterans Affairs office in support of Governor Lemanu’s Executive Order 010-2021 dated and released on December 23, 2021.

The ASRC shall establish climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies to help guide Territory-wide planning and implementation. They will utilize the latest scientific analysis and risk assessment methods to monitor and forecast climate change-related impacts at the regional and territorial levels, including any additional factors information deemed necessary.

“It is evident that we are living through a global pandemic, however, the effects of climate change remain an immediate threat,” stated the Lt. Governor, Honorable Talauega E. V. Ale, in his opening remarks. He continued, “Time and tide wait for no man, and we need to take action immediately. The commission includes community leaders and conscious citizens who can make the systemic change that will help not only bring awareness but to build resilience to meet the challenges of protecting and preserving our Territory.”

“We have been elected not just to serve as custodians of the present but as caretakers of the future. This ASRC will be charged in making decisions that future generations deserve and will benefit from,” remarked the Lieutenant Governor.

The Lt. Governor, Honorable Talauega E. V. Ale, was appointed as the American Samoa Resilience Commission Chairman during the opening ceremony. ASEPA Director Fa’amao Asalele and DMWR Director Taotasi Archie Soilai as Co-Chairs.

The first official ASRC meeting is scheduled for March 16.



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