



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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To: Distribution List

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Holiday- Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day 2023

Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day, **Monday, October 9, 2023**, will be observed as a holiday in American Samoa. All government offices will be closed and normal activities will be suspended on that day.

Employees of the American Samoa Government who are not required to perform essential services shall be excused from their duties. Essential employees required to perform duties on that day will receive holiday wages in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

On this day, let us acknowledge the voyage and landing of the Europeans in the New World, while paying homage to the rich history, culture, and traditions of the Native Peoples. I encourage you all to take time this weekend to reflect on the collective experiences and stories of all those who have helped to shape American history.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend.



LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor