

# Press Releases: Samoa National Day

Press Statement  
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On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, best wishes to the people of Samoa as you gather to celebrate the 55th anniversary of your nation's independence on June 1.

The United States and Samoa share a strong and enduring friendship, a relationship that has only deepened following the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1971. Strengthened by strong ties with the Samoan people, our cultural and historical links have forged a bond of trust and mutual interest. Our countries share a commitment to work together to combat the risks of natural disasters, foster economic development in the Pacific, manage fishery resources, and strengthen the principles of democracy and human rights. The United States continues to value our warm relationship with Samoa, and we look forward to further strengthening our ties in the years ahead.

We wish all Samoans around the world a happy Independence Day and success in the coming year.

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