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AN ORDER DESIGNATING THE TERRITORIAL FLAG OF AMERICAN SAMOA TO BE USED TO DRAPE THE CASKET OF THE LATE SENATOR FAI'IVAE APELU GALEA'I DURING GOVERNMENT SERVICES; AUTHORIZING ITS USE FOR ALL APPROPRIATE PURPOSES DURING HIS FINAL FUNERAL SERVICES; AND ESTABLISHING APPROPRIATE PROTOCOL FOR ITS USE.

Section 1. Authority

This Executive Order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Section 6 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa.

Section 2. Preamble

WHEREAS, the late Senator High Chief Fai'ivae Apelu Galea'i can be described as a man who advocated the preservation of the Samoan culture, language, and way of life; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Senate Committee on Samoan Affairs, he spearheaded the passage of a law that created the Institute of Samoan Culture under the Office of Samoan Affairs which is responsible for cultural preservation; and

WHEREAS, as a Director of Tourism he actively pursued the implementation of many island projects that were to the best interest of American Samoa, one of them being the creation and development of the Ili'ili Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the 2006 Future Political Status Study Commission he was forward-thinking in believing that American Samoa should move forward and embrace the future, but never lose sight of its heritage and traditions; and

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WHEREAS, Senator Fai'ivae was a man who gave his life in the service of our Territory, believing that American Samoa is deserving of a future that promises opportunity and prosperity for its people; and

WHEREAS, having recognized his years of service, his devotion to his culture and the Samoan way of life, and his love for his people, it is only appropriate that the casket of the late Senator Fai'ivae Apelu Galea'i, one of the great father-figures of our Territory, be draped with the Colors of the land that he treasured so much.

Section 3. Purpose

The express purpose of this Order is to establish the use of the Territorial Flag of American Samoa for all Government funeral services for the late Senator Fai'ivae Apelu Galea'i and those American Samoa Government officials who have dedicated their lives to the service of American Samoa through the preservation of the Samoan culture and way of life, the promotion of local issues and programs, and the advancement of local interests in culture, education and welfare.

Section 4. Short Title

This Order shall be cited as the "Fai'ivae Apelu Galea'i Flag Protocol".

Section 5. Order

It is hereby ordered that the flag of the Territory of American Samoa for the first time shall be used to drape the casket of the late Senator Fai'ivae Apelu Galea'i during all funeral services administered by the American Samoa Government. The Territorial flag of American Samoa is authorized to be used for all other funeral services for the late Senator when and where it is appropriate. When it is used to cover the casket, the following should be observed:

- a. the tip of the red chevron should be placed over the head;
- b. the tips of the eagle's wings should be to the left and its talons, the *uatogi* and *fue* to the right;
- c. the flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground;
- d. when the flag is removed and the casket is interred, it shall be folded appropriately in a triangular shape and presented to the surviving spouse or the closest next of kin by the highest ranking American Samoa Government official present at the ceremony.

The Governor by General Memorandum may direct other appropriate protocol for the use of the Territorial flag of American Samoa as he sees appropriate from time to time.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: June 14, 2007.



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Governor of American Samoa

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