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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 002 - 2009**

**AN ORDER DESIGNATING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING AGENCY AS THE OFFICIAL STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY OF THE AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT, RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**Preamble**

WHEREAS, the Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) is the American Samoa Government agency working with the American Samoa Criminal Justice Planning Board in carrying out the statutory mandates prescribed in Section 46.0101, et seq., A.S.C.A.; and

WHEREAS, over the years the CJPA has been responsible and advising in the developing of policies, plans, programs and budgets for the improvement, administration, and effectiveness of our local criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the CJPA is currently the Territory's registered state agency with the Department of Justice for federal grant programs such as the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), the Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC); and

*Executive Order Designating the Criminal Justice Planning Agency as the State Administrative Agency for the COPS grant program.*

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WHEREAS, the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) has advised all of the fifty states and territories regarding the possible availability of federal funding under the stimulus package recently signed by President Obama, through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the statements previously made herein, the following Executive Order is hereby issued.

**Section 1. Authority**

This Executive Order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Sections 6 and 7 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, and the American Samoa Code Annotated, Sections 4.0111 and Title 46, Chapter 01.

**Section 2. Order**

The CJPA, an agency of the Executive Branch of the American Samoa Government, is hereby designated the official "State Administrative Agency" (SAA) of the American Samoa Government, responsible for submissions to the United States Department of Justice of grant applications and subsequent administration of the federal grant program known as the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). The CJPA shall be the sole point of contact for the American Samoa Government in all matters relating to the COPS grant program.

In its role as SAA, the CJPA shall work with all ASG departments and agencies which may qualify for assistance under the COPS program in order to facilitate their needs in qualifying for federal assistance.

This Executive Order shall in no way be interpreted to conflict with or supercede Executive Order 009-2007.

**Section Three.           Invalidity of One Provision Not Affecting Others.**

In the event that any court of competent jurisdiction shall hold any provision of this Executive Order unenforceable or invalid, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

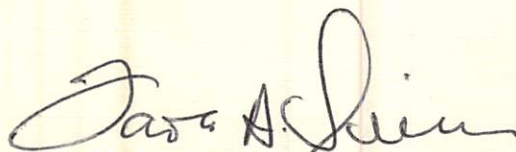
If any provision of this Executive Order conflicts with any federal laws or laws of the Territory of American Samoa, or any rules and regulations established within the American Samoa Administrative Code, the conflicting provision herein shall not prevail.

**Section Four.           Effective Date**

This Order shall become effective immediately.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 27, 2009.

  
FĀOA A. SUNIA

Distribution: As per standard list.