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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 002 -2010

AN ORDER CREATING THE AMERICAN SAMOA CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE, DEFINING ITS DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS AND APPOINTING THE INITIAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Preamble

Pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, our forefathers provided the Territory with a process through which citizens could revise the Constitution in view of changing conditions. This process has been repeated at least once since that time.

Today, American Samoa faces some of the most dynamic changes to its political, social and economic landscapes. With the global economic downturn, the closure of one of the Territory's tuna canneries and the escalation of minimum wages, American Samoa faces its toughest economic challenges in our history. The same may be said for the social challenges presented by borders that are more porous now than ever before. More Samoans are travelling and living abroad than ever in the past; and consequently, more are returning to their island home with greater understandings of how societies work and interact in and amongst each other. As a result of intermarriage and amalgamation, American Samoa is becoming more and more diverse. Finally, in 2007 the work of the Future Political Status Study Committee was completed and their final report containing recommendations for American Samoa's future political status was submitted to the Governor and the Fono for consideration.

Section 2. Authority

This Executive Order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article V, Section 4, Article IV, Sections 6 and 7 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, and the American Samoa Code Annotated §4.0302.

Section 3. Order

There is herewith created the American Samoa Constitutional Review Committee, which is tasked with the following duties, responsibilities and powers:

(A) The Committee shall review all proposals for revision of the Constitution as submitted through designated meetings, gatherings, discussions as held by and through the Constitutional Review Office and the Office of the Governor, as well as reports and requests as submitted by lawfully appointed bodies including but not limited to the Fono, the Judiciary, the Future Political Status Study Committee and local government.

(B) The Committee shall keep a journal and records of all proceedings according to date and subject.

(C) The Governor shall appoint Committee members for a term not to exceed the duration of the Constitutional Convention.

(D) The Committee shall elect its own Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

(E) The Committee is authorized to adopt rules and bylaws which do not conflict with this order or any applicable laws of American Samoa, to govern its own affairs and to aid in executing the tasks which the Committee may undertake in effectuating this Order.

Section 4. Initial Membership

The following individuals are herewith appointed to the Constitutional Review Committee representing specific categories of our government and society. Any further appointments, replacements and substitutions shall be made by General Memorandum:

American Samoa Senate:

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| 1. Hon. Gaoteote Palaie Tofau | President |
| 2. Hon. Lemanu Peleti Mauga | Eastern District |
| 3. Hon. Fuamatu Fuamatu | Western District |
| 4. Hon. Letalu Maui | Manu'a District |

American Samoa House of Representatives:

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| 1. Hon. Savali Talavou Ale | Speaker |
| 2. Hon. Laolagi F. Vaeao | Chairman, Rules Committee |
| 3. Hon. Atualevao Afalava | Chairman, Ways and Means Committee |
| 4. Hon. I'aulualo F. Talia | Chairman, ASPA Committee |

Cabinet members:

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| 1. Hon. Faoa A. Sunia | Lieutenant Governor |
| 2. Samana Semo Ve'ave'a | Department of Parks and Recreation |
| 3. Leilua Stevenson | Department of Human and Social Services |
| 4. Nu'utai Sonny Thompson | Department of Administrative Services |
| 5. Le'ala Elisara Pili | Arts Council |

Youth and Women Members:

1. Vincent Tofilau
2. Hertha Aumoeualogo
3. Krissie Vailolo
4. Ramia Vaoli'i
5. Sam Meleisea
6. Dong Hong
7. To'aga Seumalo
8. Sandra King
9. Tialuga Seloti
10. Rosie Tago

Public members:

1. HTC Lealao Purcell
2. Lydia Amisone
3. Dr. Dennis Fuimaono
4. Taua Niualama Taifane
5. Toloa Letuli
6. Fu'ega Moliga


Section 5. Support and Funding

Staff and financial support for Committee activities shall be provided through the Office of the Governor and the Constitutional Review Office.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Order shall take effect on April 12, 2010.

Dated: April 12th, 2010.



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