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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 03 - 1994

DISSOLUTION OF THE
JOINT WORKING GROUP TO ADDRESS GAO RECOMMENDATIONS
AND CREATION OF A
JOINT WORKING GROUP FOR FINANCIAL RECOVERY AND PLANNING

Section 1: Authority

This Executive Order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Section 6 of the American Samoa Revised Constitution and Title 4, Chapter 01, Section 0111(b) of the American Samoa Code.

Section 2: Dissolution and Recission

The Joint Working Group to address the GAO Recommendations which was reconstituted by Executive Order 01 - 1993 is hereby dissolved, and Executive Order No. 01 - 1993 is hereby rescinded.

Section 3: Preamble

In September, 1992, in response to a request from the House and Senate Appropriation Sub-Committees of the United States Congress, a Joint Working Group (JWG) composed of representatives of the American Samoa Government and the U.S. Department of the Interior was created by Executive Order 12 - 1992. The JWG was mandated to develop a plan to address certain management and financial problems identified in a recent GAO Report. These problems included the administration of health care, especially off-island medical referrals, and the need for procurement reforms, anti-deficiency measures, personnel and hiring reforms, tax reforms and other issues.

In January, 1993, this Joint Working Group was reconstituted under Executive Order 01 - 1993 and was given a more focused and specific reporting framework. In March, 1993, the JWG issued its

Plan of Action, which provided a timetable for achieving the objectives it had identified in response to the problems areas highlighted in the GAO Report.

It is apparent that the American Samoa Government's current financial situation deserves, and, indeed, requires a broader, more locally-defined approach in order to meet the difficult social and economic challenges we are facing now and in the future. Thus, ASG's needs for improved financial management must be seen within a larger context which includes, among other considerations, our infrastructure needs, the need to provide our people with critical government services and the overall condition of our economy.

These considerations can best be addressed by broadening the mandate of the Joint Working Group to include the development of a financial recovery plan. This plan will establish, within the larger context described above, a framework for ensuring the solvency of our government and its financial management in accordance with sound business and accounting practices.

The Joint Working Group will continue to provide semi-annual reports on the implementation of the ASG Plan of Action, as requested by the House and Senate Appropriation Sub-Committees.

Section 4: Establishment of a Joint Working Group for Financial Recovery and Planning

Together with the DOI Field Representative for American Samoa, the following ASG personnel are hereby designated as members of the Joint Working Group for Financial Recovery and Planning:

1. Director, Office of Program Planning and Budget
2. Attorney General
3. Treasurer
4. Director, Economic Development and Planning Office
5. ASG Audit Resolution Officer
6. Chief of Staff


The Director of the Office of Program Planning and Budget is designated as Chairman of the Joint Working Group. He shall be responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Joint Working Group, assigning staff support and making provision for technical assistance as necessary.

*July 25th
9 am
Conf. Room*

Section 5: Effective Date

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately upon signing. It shall remain in effect until it is altered or amended by another Executive Order.

DATED: 1-24-94



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