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EXECUTIVE ORDER 013 - 20

AN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSIONS DUE TO THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

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 Sections 4.0111 and 26.0105 of the American Samoa Code Annotated.

Section 2. Preamble

WHEREAS, a continued State of Emergency was declared on March 18, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its imminent threat to the health and safety of the people of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, the public health restrictions made it necessary to issue an executive order on May 29, 2020, which extended the terms of notaries to December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, notaries provide a valuable service to the public especially in times of emergency where their services are required for certain benefit programs;

WHEREAS, there remains an urgent need to continue notary commissions that may be expiring until proper renewal classes can be held; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, **LOLO MATALASI MOLIGA**, Governor of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Constitution of American Samoa and Territorial statutes passed pursuant thereto, hereby execute this order.

Section 3. Continued Emergency Extension of Notary Commissions

The terms as set forth in Executive Order 03-2020 are continued until March 31, 2021. For clarity, those terms are reflected below with the new extension dates:

In accordance with ASCA § 26.0105(g)(1), for any notary whose commission has expired since March 18, 2020 or whose commission is set to expire prior to March 31, 2021, their term, as set forth in ASCA § 31.0310, is extended to March 31, 2021, on the conditions that:

- a) The notary shall annotate on each notarial act completed during the extension the following:
“The notary commission is extended until March 31, 2021 pursuant to Executive Order.”
- b) The notary public shall maintain a valid surety bond during the period of extension.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing and shall remain in effect until further order of the Governor.

Dated: 12/24/20

Lolo M. Moliga
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Governor of American Samoa