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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 001 - 2006

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, APPOINTING ITS MEMBERS AND DEFINING ITS DUTIES

Section 1: AUTHORITY

This Executive Order is issued under the authority of the Governor in Article IV, Sections 6 and 7, American Samoa Revised Constitution and A.S.C.A. Section 26.0105.

Section 2: PREAMBLE

Whereas, it is of the utmost importance that the Territory prevent, protect, respond to and recover from ever-increasing natural and manmade disasters that threaten or strike American Samoa; and

Whereas, a multi-agency approach that consolidates American Samoa Government ("ASG") resources is sensible and necessary to achieving short and long term homeland security efforts.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved, that this order is hereby issued to establish the Homeland Security Advisory Committee for the purpose of enhancing the integration of disciplines involved in homeland security, including public health and medical initiatives. The Committee will also facilitate implementation of the Goal and the National Preparedness Guidance.

Section 3: ORGANIZATION OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Homeland Security Advisory Committee (the "Committee") is created to guide the development and implementation of multi-agency homeland security matters that are of importance to American Samoa. The members of the Committee will be as follows:

- (1) The Homeland Security Advisor;
- (2) The Director of the Department of Port Administration;
- (3) The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety;
- (4) The Director of the Office of Marine and Wildlife Resources;
- (5) The Director of the Department of Health;
- (6) The Director of Criminal Justice Programs;
- (7) The Director of the Territorial Emergency Management Coordinating Office;
- (8) Executive Director of the American Samoa Medical Authority
- (9) The Attorney General;
- (10) The Treasurer;
- (11) The Director of the American Samoa Environmental Protection Agency;
- (12) The Director of the Office of Territorial and International Criminal Intelligence and Drug Enforcement (OTICIDE);
- (13) The Director of the Department of Agriculture;
- (14) Program Director/CDC Bio-terrorism
- (15) Program Manager/Citizen Corps
- (16) The Chief Petroleum Officer of Office of Petroleum Management

The Homeland Security Advisor will be the Committee's coordinator and will handle logistical matters relating to quarterly meetings as well as introducing issues and coordinating discussion within the Committee. A representative of the United States Coast Guard will be allowed to attend all meetings as an observer if they so wish. A staff member from the Territorial Office of Homeland Security shall attend all meetings as secretary of the Committee but will not be a member. The members shall attend all meetings held by the Committee or shall send a representative capable of speaking for and making decisions on their behalf.

Section 4: DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is created to guide the development and implementation of multi-agency homeland security policies, procedures, agreements and recommendations. The Committee will develop detailed strategic plans setting forth specific policies, procedures, agreements or recommendations on issues raised at Committee meetings by the coordinator. Such decisions shall be binding upon the government agencies and departments represented. Any decisions shall be in complete working order and presented to the Governor within thirty (30) days of each quarterly meeting. Immediately upon approval by the Governor, the Committee shall begin implementing the policies, procedures, agreements or recommendations approved by the Governor.

The Committee will address relevant multi-agency homeland security matters as introduced by the coordinator at the quarterly meetings, and shall include the viability of the CBRNE vessel program.

Section 5: COMMITTEE MEETINGS

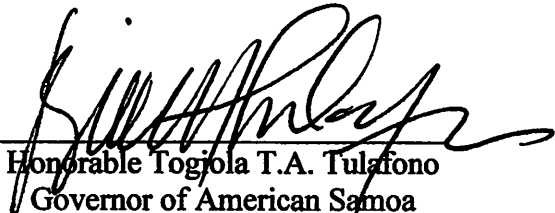
The Committee meetings are of the utmost importance to American Samoa and the Committee members must dedicate the necessary time needed for meetings. This will require regular attendance at the quarterly meetings. The Committee shall meet on a quarterly basis. Meetings shall take place in the Governor's conference room or other available space within the Executive Office Building. If no available space exists within the Executive Office Building, off-site space may be utilized. The first meeting of the Committee shall be held within the first sixty days of the issuance of this Executive Order.

The secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting and shall distribute a copy to all members before the next scheduled meeting.

Section 6: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated this 24th day of January 2006 ~~December, 2005.~~


Honorable Togjola T.A. Tulafono
Governor of American Samoa