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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 008 2007

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

Section 1: AUTHORITY

This Executive Order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Section 7, American Samoa Revised Constitution.

Section 2: PREAMBLE

Whereas, the horrific events of September 11th sent a shocking signal that we must rapidly achieve and diligently maintain for the Territory a level of domestic preparedness never experienced in our history in order to detect, prevent and respond to acts of terrorism, and

Whereas, it is fundamental to attaining the requisite degree of security for our Territory and its people that a comprehensive territory-wide threat and needs assessment be developed; and

Whereas, the approach to consolidate a government, public, and private sector forum to enhance, address, and integrate homeland security initiatives to provide a requisite degree of security to protect the life and property of the people of American Samoa; and

Now, therefore, it is the purpose of this Order to establish a Homeland Security Advisory Council, consisting of directors of essential government agencies and representatives of key private industries, to provide guidance, development and make recommendations for necessary measures to ensure compliance of federal and territorial regulations for homeland security programs.

Section 3: Homeland Security Advisory Council Established

The Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) is hereby established and is comprised of the following members.

Government:

The respective Directors, Chief Executive Officers and/or Managers of the following departments, authorities, agencies and offices are designated as members of the HSAC.

Department of Public Safety
Department of Legal Affairs
Department of Port Administration
Department of Health
Department of Marine and Wildlife
Department of Agriculture
Office of Petroleum Management
American Samoa Power Authority
American Samoa Telecommunications Authority
L.B.J. Tropical Medical Center Authority
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Public Works
Department of Homeland Security

Federal Government:

Representatives of the following federal agencies are invited to participate in the HSAC.

Transportation Security Agency, USDHS
U.S. Coast Guard, USDHS
Federal Bureau of Investigation, USDOJ

Private Sector:

Representatives of the following private businesses are invited to participate in the HSAC.

Starkist Samoa, Inc
COS Samoa Packing Company
BP Southwest Pacific, Inc.
Mobil Oil American Samoa, Inc.

The Director of the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security, or the Acting Director as appointed by the Governor, shall serve as Chairman of HSAC.

Section 4: Responsibilities:

The HSAC shall:

- (A) Conduct a comprehensive review and analysis of the Territory's current state of preparedness for its ability to detect, prevent and respond to acts of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.
- (B) Responsible for making recommendations regarding the strategy preparation for program goals, objectives, and implementation plans through working groups.
- (C) Advise homeland security agency in all areas including planning, organization, equipment, training and exercises.
- (D) Liaise with appropriate federal agencies as necessary for technical and funding assistance to enhance the Territory's capability to respond to terrorist attacks.
- (E) Ensure that the Territory is in compliance with all federal directives on the subject of domestic preparedness.
- (F) Perform such other tasks as may be assigned in the area of homeland security.

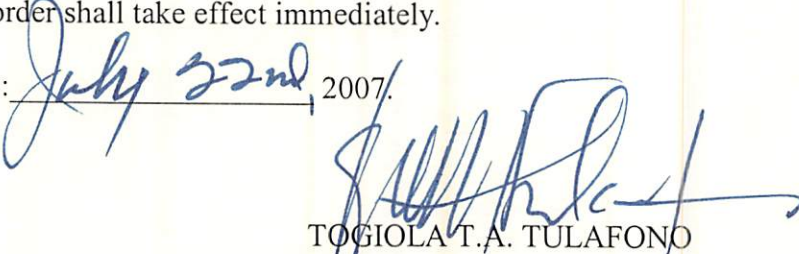
Section 5: Supersession and Rescission

This Executive Order shall supersede and rescind Executive Orders No. 004-2001 – An order establishing the Territory Preparedness Task Force and No. 001-2006 – An order establishing the Homeland Security Advisory Committee, Appointing its members and defining its duties.

Section: Effective Date

This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: July 22nd, 2007.


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Governor of American Samoa

cc: Per Standard List
HSAC Appointees and Invitees