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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 002 – 2020

AN ORDER TO ADOPT PROVISIONS OF THE HAWAII EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AND FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

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. Purpose

The Federal Government has made available funds to assist American Samoa workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The US Department of Labor has issued a legal opinion that ASG is to be bound by the Hawaii Employment Security Law in implementing its Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) and Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) programs. This is in keeping with the federal regulations on Disaster Unemployment Compensation. 20 CFR § 625.2.

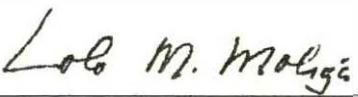
Section 3. Adoption of Hawaii Employment Security Law

In order to administer the PUA and FPUC programs in accordance with the terms set by the Federal Government, the Department of Human Resources is ordered to adopt the Hawaii Employment Security Law, as applicable. This law shall be binding on HR for the implementation and administration of these vital programs.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing and shall remain in effect until further order of the Governor or completion of the PUA and FPUC programs.

Dated: May 27, 2020



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