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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 004

AN ORDER CREATING THE AMERICAN SAMOA RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A STRATEGIC ENERGY PLAN FOR THE TERRITORY

Section 1. Preamble

WHEREAS, damage to large portions of American Samoa's energy infrastructure owing to the September 29, 2009 earthquake and tsunami, and fluctuating energy prices, including the record high price for oil in 2008, have focused attention on the need to develop alternatives to American Samoa's almost total reliance on fossil fuels, including improving energy efficiency and developing renewable energy resources; and

WHEREAS, energy security is key to American Samoa's future economic development and sustainability, and proper long-term planning is required to achieve energy security; and

WHEREAS, the process of developing a long-term Strategic Energy Plan for American Samoa should involve a broad range of stakeholders, including the American Samoa Government, the private sector, the community and appropriate federal agency partners that may be able to provide technical and financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, a Renewable Energy Committee, made up of the Territory's stakeholders, is the appropriate vehicle for developing and implementing such a Plan; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Renewable Energy Committee will consist of American Samoa's foremost energy experts as well as private, academic and governmental sectors while providing a mechanism for considering new ideas to incorporate into the American Samoa's Strategic Energy Plan; and

WHEREAS, the recovery of our Territorial infrastructure provides the American Samoa Government with an excellent opportunity to plan, design and integrate renewable energies into our recovering system and promote energy security for all of our islands.

NOW THEREFORE, I, TOGIOLA T.A. TULAFONO, 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 2. **Order**

There is established the American Samoa Renewable Energy Committee, which shall be headed by the Chief Executive Officer of the American Samoa Power Authority and the Director of the Territorial Energy Office. The Committee shall include individuals from the private sector, academic institutions, governmental agencies and other stakeholder entities that have an interest in the establishment and development of renewable energies in the Territory.

The Renewable Energy Committee shall:

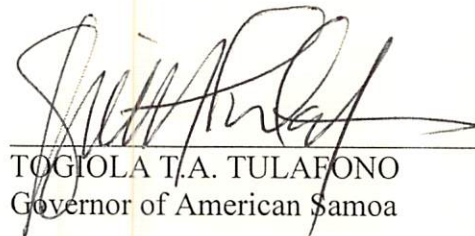
- Develop a vision, mission, and goals for reducing dependence on fossil fuels, improving energy efficiency, and developing renewable energy resources
- Establish an organizational structure to appropriately develop a comprehensive, long-term Strategic Energy Plan for American Samoa
- Work with territorial and federal officials to secure technical assistance in the form of expertise and funding in order to move the Committee's mission forward

All departments of the American Samoa Government shall participate in meetings and activities of the Renewable Energy Committee, wherever and whenever necessary.

Section 3. **Immediate effect**

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: 7 June, 2010



TOGIOLA T.A. TULAFONO
Governor of American Samoa

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