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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 005-2007

ADOPTION OF AMERICAN SAMOA'S TERRITORIAL GENERAL PLAN

By the authority vested in the Governor of American Samoa under the Revised Constitution and laws of American Samoa, it is hereby ordered that the foregoing Territorial General Plan for American Samoa is adopted.

Preamble

WHEREAS, the Territorial General Plan for American Samoa has been prepared in conformance with territorial laws in order to create a body of comprehensive policy to shape decisions of public, semi-public and private organizations and agencies; and

WHEREAS, American Samoa needs to develop a territory-wide vision of where and how it wants to develop its land, diversify its economy, provide a high quality life to its citizens and protect its land and marine resources; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Territorial General Plan will provide the catalyst for other actions by which sound management of local resources and the wise use of fiscal resources may be undertaken to provide general policies for sustainable growth and development of the territory as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Territorial General Plan is herewith adopted as a guide for preparation of planning documents within the territory and to create an effective and efficient general planning process within public and semi-autonomous agencies of the government and all public and private stakeholders and decision makers.

Section 1: Purpose.

The purpose of this Executive Order is to adopt a Territorial General Plan establishing comprehensive territory-wide policies to guide public and private decision-makers toward commonly held objectives for the growth and development of the territory, and to establish a general planning process for government and semi-autonomous agencies under the review and approval of the Territorial Planning Commission.


Section 2: Order

Pursuant to Sections 10.0102 and 10.0103 of the American Samoa Code Annotated, there is adopted herewith American Samoa's Territorial General Plan to implement a general planning program for the territory as authorized by the Territorial Planning Commission, and under the responsibility of the Department of Commerce for the development of the plan, processes and analyses required to accomplish the objectives of the commission.

Section 3: Effective Date

This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: May 10, 2007


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Governor of American Samoa

cc: Per Standard List.