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AN ACT PROHIBITING ABANDONMENT OF VESSELS, DEFINES DERELICT VESSELS, CREATES A VESSEL REPAIRMAN’S LIEN AND PROVIDES A PROCESS FOR DISPOSAL OF ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS AND FORECLOSURE OF A VESSEL REPAIRMAN’S LIEN; CREATING A CHAPTER 05 UNDER TITLE 20 A.S.C.A.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

Section 1. There is created a chapter 05 under Title 20 which reads:

**“CHAPTER 05
ABANDONED AND DERELICT VESSELS ACT**

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20.0501 Short Title.

This chapter may be cited as the Abandoned and Derelict Vessels Act.

20.0502 Definitions.

In this chapter:

(1) "Department" means the Department of Port Administration.

(2) "Vessel" means every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on or through the water.

(3) "Waters of this state or territory" means the navigable waters within the territorial limits of American Samoa, and the Contiguous Zone adjacent to the Territory, as defined in 48 U.S.C. 1705 and 48 U.S.C. 1706.

(4) "Peace officer" shall include in its definition police officers with Department of Public Safety.

20.0503 Abandonment of vessel unlawful.

(a) A person may not store or leave a vessel in a wrecked, junked, or substantially dismantled condition or abandoned upon any public water, or at a port or harbor, of the Territory, without the consent of the agency having jurisdiction of the water, port, or harbor, or docked at any private property without the consent of the owner of the property.

(b) The department or a peace officer may remove a derelict vessel from public water in any instance when the vessel obstructs or threatens to obstruct navigation, contributes to air or water pollution, or in any other way constitutes a danger or potential danger to the environment or public.

(c) This section may not be construed to contravene any applicable federal law or regulation.

(d) A person who violates this section, upon conviction, is guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor with a punishment not to exceed (6) six months in prison or fines of (\$500) five-hundred dollars.

20.0504 Disposition of certain abandoned vessels.

A vessel that has been left unattended for a continuous period of more than 30 days and is in the waters of the territory or on public property, or is on private property without authorization of the owner or occupant of the property, may be taken into custody by the department or a peace officer and disposed of by the department under this chapter.

20.0505 Notice to owner.

On taking custody of an abandoned vessel, a written notice immediately shall be posted on the vessel and a duplicate of that notice sent by registered or certified mail, with a return receipt, to the registered owner of the vessel at the registered owner's last known address and to all lien holders shown on the records of a territory, state or federal agency. The notice must contain a brief description of the vessel, the location of custody, and the intended disposition of the vessel if not repossessed within 20 days after the mailing of the notice. A notice need not be sent

to the purported owner or any other person whose interest in the vessel is not recorded with a territory or state department, or a federal agency.

20.0506 Public auction.

If the vessel is not repossessed within 20 days after the mailing of the notice, the vessel shall be disposed of by public auction, through oral tenders, or by sealed bids, after public advertisement has been made once in a newspaper of general circulation. However, the public auction may not be held less than five days after the publication of the advertisement. If no bid is received, the vessel may be sold by negotiation, disposed of as junk, donated to a governmental agency, or destroyed.

20.0507 Possession by interested party.

A person having an interest in an abandoned vessel may take possession of it before the date of the public auction upon payment to the department of all port or harbor use fees, towing, handling, storage, appraisal, advertising, and any other expenses incurred by the department in connection with the vessel. If the person taking possession of the vessel is not the registered owner, the person shall, before taking possession of the vessel, pay the expenses incurred by the department and post adequate security which may not exceed the appraised value of the vessel. The security, if not forfeited, shall be returned to the person one year after receipt.

20.0508 When public auction not required.

Public auction is not required when the appraised value of an abandoned vessel, as determined by an independent appraiser is less than \$1,000. The appraiser must have at least one year of experience in the sale, purchase, or appraisal of vessels. Upon that determination and after public advertisement has been made once in a newspaper of general circulation, the department may sell the vessel by negotiation, dispose of it as junk, donate the vessel to a governmental agency, or destroy it.

20.0509 Effect of sale.

The transfer of interest by sale under A.S.C.A. 20.0506-20.0508 shall be evidenced by a bill of sale from the department, considered a transfer by operation of law, and governed by applicable provisions of law.

20.0510 Derelict vessel.

A vessel that has been left unattended for a continuous period of more than 24 hours is a derelict if:

- (1) the vessel is sunk or in immediate danger of sinking, is obstructing a waterway, or is endangering life or property; or
- (2) the vessel has been moored or otherwise left in the waters of the state or on public property contrary to law, or regulations adopted by the department, or

the vessel has been left on private property without authorization of the owner or occupant of the property and if:

(A) the vessel's certificate of number or marine document has expired and the registered owner no longer resides at the address listed in the vessel registration or marine document records of a territory, state or the United States Coast Guard;

(B) the last registered owner of record disclaims ownership and the current owner's name or address cannot be determined;

(C) the vessel identification numbers and other means of identification have been obliterated or removed in a manner that nullifies or precludes efforts to locate or identify the owner; or

(D) the vessel registration records of a territory, a state and the marine document records of the United States Coast Guard contain no record that the vessel ever has been registered or documented and the owner's name or address cannot be determined.

20.0511 Disposition of derelict vessel.

(a) The department may take or cause a derelict vessel to be taken into custody immediately. Upon taking custody of a derelict vessel the department shall concurrently:

(1) publish a notice of intended disposition once in a newspaper of general circulation;

(2) when possible, post a notice of intended disposition on the vessel; and

(3) serve a duplicate of the notice of intended disposition by certified mail, with a return receipt, on:

(A) the registered owner of the vessel, if known, at the registered owner's last known address or the address on record of a territory or a state department or the United States Coast Guard; and

(B) all lien holders who have filed a financing statement indexed in the name of the registered owner, or who are shown on the records of a territory or state department, or the United States Coast Guard.

(b) If the vessel is not repossessed within 20 days after the publication or mailing of the notice, whichever occurs later, the vessel may be disposed of by negotiated sale except that, when two or more prospective purchasers indicate an interest in purchasing the vessel, the vessel will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder in the same manner prescribed under A.S.C.A. 20.0506.

(c) If no prospective purchaser indicates a desire to purchase the vessel, the vessel may be disposed of as junk, donated to a governmental agency, or destroyed.

20.0512 Disposition of vessels by persons in vessel repair business.

When a person abandons a vessel on the premises of a vessel repair business, the owner of the business or the business owner's authorized representative may sell or dispose of the vessel under A.S.C.A. 20.0512-20.0516.

20.0513 When vessel abandoned.

A vessel is abandoned on the premises of a vessel repair business when all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

(1) the service requested or required by a person whose vessel is towed or brought to a vessel repair business, including but not limited to towing and rendering estimates of the cost of repairs, has been performed;

(2) no authorization is given to perform any further service with respect to the vessel, but the vessel is left on the repair business premises;

(3) the owner of the repair business or the business owner's authorized representative has given notice by registered or certified mail, with a return receipt, to the registered owner of the vessel at the address on record at the vessel repair business and the address on record in a territory, state department, or the United States Coast Guard, and to any person with a recorded interest in the vessel, stating that if the vessel is not repossessed within 30 days after the mailing of the notice it will be sold or disposed of; the notice also must contain a description of the vessel and its location, and it need not be sent to an owner or a person with an unrecorded interest in the vessel whose name or address cannot be determined; and

(4) the vessel is not repossessed within the 30-day period specified in (3) of this section.

20.0514 Sale or disposition of vessel.

When a vessel is abandoned, the owner of the vessel repair business, or the business owner's authorized representative, after one public advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation in the state, may negotiate a sale of the vessel or dispose of it. However, the vessel may not be sold or disposed of within less than five days after publication of the advertisement.

20.0515 Disposition of proceeds.

The authorized seller of the abandoned vessel is entitled to the proceeds of the sale to the extent that compensation is due to the seller for services rendered with respect to the vessel, including reasonable and customary charges for towing, handling, storage, the cost of notices, environmental clean-up costs, costs associated with decommissioning and disposal if the vessel is unseaworthy and advertising required by A.S.C.A. 20.0514. A lien holder shall receive priority of payment from the balance of the proceeds to the extent of the lien. Any remaining balance shall be forwarded to the registered owner of the vessel, if the registered owner can be found. If the registered owner cannot be found, the balance shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the American Samoa Government and shall be paid out to the registered owner of the vessel if a proper claim is filed for it within one year from the execution of the sale agreement. If no claim is made within that year, the money shall escheat to the Territory of American Samoa.

NOFOAIGA TOLUSEFULU-TOLU FONOFAITULAFONO AMERIKA SAMOA

Fono Tele Lona Lua

Nofoa ma usua I Fagatogo, Tutuila, Amerika Samoa
Aso Gafua, aso valu o Iulai
Lua afe ma le sefulu tolu

O SE TULAFONO E FAASĀ AI LE TIA'IA O VAA, FAAUIGAINA AI VAA UA TUULAFOA'I, FAAVAE AI SE AIĀ E PUIPUI AI LE TOE FAALELEIA O SE VAA MA AIAIA AI LE FAIGA MO LE LAFOA'IGA O SE VAA UA TUUTIA'I MA FAALEAOGĀ AI LE AIĀ MO LE TOE FAALELEIA O SE VAA; FAAVAE AI SE MATAUPU 05 I LALO O LE ULUTALA 20 T.T.A.S.

IA FAATULAFONOINA E LE FONOFAITULAFONO O AMERIKA SAMOA:

**Maga 1. Ua faavae nei se mataupu 05 i lalo o le Ulutala 20 e faitauina:
"MATAUPU 05
TULAFONO O VAA UA TIA'IA MA TUULAFOA'INA**

Maga:

- 20.0501 Ulutala Puupuu.
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- 20.0516 Iuga o le fesuia'ia o le igoa o le vaa.
- 20.0517 Tuutuuga/tulafono.

20.0501 Ulutala Puupuu.

O lenei mataupu e mafai ona ta'ua o le Tulafono o Vaa ua tia'ia ma tuulafoai.

20.0502 Uiga.

I lenei mataupu:

(1) "Matagaluega" o lona uiga o le Matagaluega o le Pulega o le Taulaga

(2) "Vaa" o lona uiga soo se faamatalaina o se vaa poo se isi lava auala o fela'ua'iga, e ese mai ai i se vaalele o le sami, e faaaoga pe mafai foi ona faaaoga e fai ma auala o fela'ua'iga/feoa'iga i luga poo totonu o le vai/sami.

(3) "Ogasami/vai o lenei setete poo le teritori" o lona uiga o ogasami i totonu o tapulaa faaleteritori o Amerika Samoa, ma le Sone e latalata pe fesootai foi ma tua'oi o le teritori, e pei ona faauigaina i le 48 Tusitulafono a le Iunaite Setete (48 USC) 1705 ma le 48 USC 1706.

(4) "Ofisa o le filemu" e aofia ai i lona faauigaina ia leoleo o le Matagaluega o le Saogalemu Lautele.

20.0503 Faasā i le tulafono le tuulafoai o vaa.

(a) E le mafai ona tuua e se tasi se vaa i se tulaga ua leaga, ua fai ma otaota, poo le matua leaga lava foi pe tuua foi i soo se ogasami lautele, poo se taulaga poo se uafu, o le Teritori, e aunoa ma le maliega o le vaega latou te vaaia le sami, taulaga, se uafu, pe toso foi i se nofoaga o se tagata e aunoa ma le maliega o le tagata e ana le fanua.

(e) E mafai e le matagaluega poo se ofisa o le filemu ona aveesea se vaa mai se ogasami lautele i soo se taimi pe afai ua faalavelave le vaa pe lamatia ai foi feoa'iga, fesoasoani i le faaleagaina ai o le ea poo le sami/vai, poo le fai foi ma ala e lamatia ai le si'omaga poo le lautele.

(i) O lenei maga e le mafai ona faaaoga e feteenai ai ma soo se tulafono talafeagai a le malo tele.

(o) O se tagata e solia lenei maga, afai e faamaonia le solitulafono, e nofosala i se solitulafono Mama Tulaga E ma o le faasalaga e le silia i le 6 masina i le falepuipui poo sala tupe e \$500.

20.0504 Lafoa'ia o nisi vaa ua tuutia'i.

O se vaa ua tuua e aunoa ma se tasi e i ai mo se vaitaimi faaaauau e silia i le 30 aso ae o loo i ogasami o le teritori poo luga foi o se fanua o le malo, poo luga o se fanua o se tagata e aunoa ma le faatagaga a lē e ana le fanua poo lē o loo nofoia le meatotino, e mafai ona avea e le matagaluega poo se ofisa o le filemu ma lafoai e le matagaluega i lalo o lenei mataupu.

20.0505 Faaaliga i le tagata e ana ia le meatotino.

I le avea ai o se vaa ua tuua, o le a tuuina loa lava se faaaliga i le tino o le vaa ma o se kopi o lona faaaliga o le a auina atu i le meli lesitala poo le meli faamaonia, faatasi ai ma se lisiti o le toe faafo'iina mai, i le tagata o loo lesitala ai le vaa i le

tuatusi na iloa mulimuli ai ma i latou uma o loo umia aia i le vaa lea e faaalia i faamaauga a se teritori, setete poo se vaega a le malo tele. O lenei faaaliga e tatau ona i ai se faamatalaga puupuu o le vaa, le mea o loo taofia ai, ma le faamoemoe e lafoa'ia le vaa pe afai e le toe umia i totonu o le 20 aso talu ona meliina atu o le faaaliga. E le tau auina atu se faaaliga i se tagata e faapea o ia e ana ia le meatotino poo se isi lava foi tagata e le o tusia lona suafa i le vaa i totonu o se teritori poo le matagaluega o setete poo se vaega a le malo tele.

20.0506 Faatautu'i lautele.

Afai e le toe umia le vaa i totonu o le 20 aso talu ona meliina o le faaaliga, o le a faatautui loa le vaa i le lautele, e ala i ni tauofoga faigutu, poo ni ofo e faaoo atu i se teutusi faamauina lelei, ina ua maea se faasalalauga faalauaitete e tasi i se nusipepa lauiloa. Ui i lea, e le faia se faatautu'i lautele ae lei atoa le 5 aso talu ona faalauaiteteina le faasalalauga. Afai e leai se ofo e mauaina, ona mafai lea ona faatau atu le vaa e ala i se feutaga'iga, lafoai ua le aoga, foai i se vaega a le malo, pe faaleagaina foi.

20.0507 Umia e se tasi/vaega e mana'o ai.

E mafai e se tagata e manao ai i se vaa ua tuua ona ia umia le vaa a o lei oo i le aso o le faatautui lautele pe afai e totogia e ia i le matagaluega tupe uma o le faaaogaina o le taulaga, o le tosoina, taulimaina, teuina, vaaia o le aoga, faasalalauga, ma soo se isi lava tupe na alu i le vaa. Afai o le tagata lea e avea le vaa e le o ia lea e lesitala ai le vaa, e tatau la ona ia totogi uma tupe a le matagaluega na alu i le vaa ma totogi foi se tupe ia lava mo le saogalemu o le vaa ae le sili atu i le aoga o le vaa e pei ona faatulaga ai. O le tupe la lea, pe afai e le faaleaogaina, e toe faafoi atu i le tagata lea pe a mavae le tausaga talu ona totogiina.

20.0508 Pe afai e le manaomia se faatautui lautele.

E le manaomia se faatautui pe afai o le aoga o le vaa e pei ona faaalia e se tasi/vaega tutoatasi na latou vaaia le vaa, e le atoa se \$1,000. O le tagata/vaega lea e tatau ona le ititi ifo i le tasi le tausaga le tomai masani i le faatauina poo le vaaia foi o le tau o vaa. I le faia ai la o lea faaiuga ma pe a maea foi ona faia o se faasalalauga e tasi i se nusipepa lauiloa, e mafai ona faatauina atu e le matagaluega o le vaa e ala i se feutagaiga, lafoai ua le aoga, foai mo se vaega a le malo, poo le faaleagaina.

20.0509 Iuga o se faatauina atu.

O le faafesuia'ia o initalesi e ala i le faatauina atu I lalo o le 20.0506-20.0508 T.T.A.S. o le a faamaonia i se pili o faaauuga mai le matagaluega, e ta'ua lea o se faafesuiaiga i le faaaogaina o le tulafono, ma pulea i aiaiga talafeagai ai o le tulafono.

20.0510 Vaa ua tuulafoa'ina.

O se vaa ua tuua e aunoa ma se tasi e i ai mo se taimi e silia i le 24 itula o se vaa lea ua tuulafoai pe afai:

(1) ua goto le vaa poo ua toetoe lava foi goto, o loo fai ma faalavelave i le alavaa, poo ua lamatia ai foi le soifua poo meatotino; poo

(2) ua leva ona taula o le vaa pe tuua foi i le sami o le setete poo meatotino faitete e feteenai ma le tulafono, poo tuutuuga faaaogaina e le matagaluega, poo le vaa foi ua leva ona tuu i luga o se fanua o se tasi e aunoa ma se faatagaga a le tagata e ana le fanua poo lē foi o loo nofo i le fanua ma afai:

(A) o le tusi o le vaa poo le pepa foi o feoaiga i le sami ua uma le taimi e aoga ai ma ua le toe nofo le tagata o ona le vaa i le tuatusi o loo ta'u mai i le lesitalaina o le vaa poo faamaumauga tau feoaiga i le sami o le teritori, setete poo le vaega e vaaia le Gataifale a le Iunaite Setete;

(E) ua faafitia e le tagata na lesitala mulimuli ai le vaa o ia e ona le vaa, ma ua le iloa nei le igoa ma le tuatusi o le tagata e ana ia le vaa;

(I) ua tapē pe aveesea foi fuainumrea ma isi auala e faailoa ai le vaa i se auala ua le aoga ai pe faaleaogaina ai foi taumafaiga ina ia saili pe faailoa le ana le vaa; poo

(O) e leai se faamaumauga o loo i ai i faamaumauga a se teritori, setete ma faamaumauga tau feoaiga i le sami a le Vaega e Vaaia le Gataifale e faapea na lisetala le vaa pe faamauina ma e le mafai foi la ona iloa le igoa o le ana ia le vaa.

20.0511 Lafoa'ia o se vaa ua tia.

(a) E mafai e le matagaluega ona taofia loa lava le vaa ua tia'ina. Afai loa e avea se vaa faapea o le a faia loa e le matagaluega mea nei:

(1) faalauaitete se faaaliga e tasi i se nusipepa lauiloa o le faamoemoe ua i ai e lafoa'ia se vaa;

(2) afai e mafai, faapipii se faaaliga o le faamoemoe ua i ai i luga o le vaa; ma

(3) ave se kopi o le faaaliga i le meli faamauina faatasi ai ma se lisiti e toe faafoi mai ai, i:

(A) le tagata o loo lesitala e ana ia le vaa, pe afai e iloa, i le tuatusi mulimuli na iloa poo le tuatusi o loo i totonu o le faamaumauga a se teritori poo se matagaluega a setete poo le Vaega e Vaaia le Gataifale a le Iunaite Setete; ma

(E) o tagata uma e umia aia na faila sa latou tala o le tupe o loo tuu i le igoa o le tagata o loo lesitala ai le vaa, poo e foi o loo faaaliga i faamaumauga a se teritori poo se matagaluega a setete poo le Vaega e Vaaia le Gataifale a le Iunaite Setete.

(e) Afai e toe ave le vaa i totonu o le 20 aso talu ona faia le faasalalauga pe meliina foi le faaaliga, poo fea lava o ia mea e mulimuli, e mafai la ona aveesea o le vaa e ala i se faatauga e feutaga'ia vagana ai, afai e faaaliga e se toalua pe sili le manao e faatauina le vaa, ona faatau loa lea o le vaa i se faatautui lautele i le tagata aupito maua lana ofo i le auala e pei ona ta'u mai i le T.T.A.S. 20.0506.

(i) Afai e leai se tasi e faaaliga se mana o faatau le vaa, ona lafoai loa lea ua lē aoga, foai i se vaega a le malo, pe faaleagaina foi.

20.0512 Aveesea o vaa e tagata faipisinisi i le lipeaina o vaa.

Afai e tuua e se tagata se vaa i se lotoa o se pisinisi lipea, e mafai e lē ana le pisinisi poo sona sui faatagaina foi ona ia faatau atu pe aveese foi le vaa i lalo o le T.T.A.S. 20.0512-20.0516.

20.0513 Pe afai e tia'ia se vaa.

E tia'ia se vaa i le lotoa a se pisinisi lipea vaa pe afai e faamalieina tulaga uma nei:

(1) ua uma ona faia le auunaga na talosagaina e se tagata na tosoina lona vaa pe aumai foi i se pisinisi lipea, e aofia ai ae le gata ai i lea, le tosoina ma le faia o le faatatau i le tau o le lipea;

(2) e leai se faatagaga ua faia e toe faia ai se isi galuega i le vaa, a o loo tuu ai pea le vaa i le pisinisi lipea;

(3) ua tuuina mai e lē ana ia le pisinisi lipea poo sona sui faatagaina foi se faaaliga i le meli lesitalaina poo le faamauina, faatasi ai ma le lisiti o le toe foi mai o le meli, i le tagata o loo lesitala ai le vaa i le tuatusi o loo i totonu o faamaumauga i le pisinisi lipea ma le tuatusi i faamaumauga i se teritori, matagaluega o setete, poo le Vaega e Vaaia le Gataifale a le Iunaite Setete, ma soo se tagata o loo i faamauina le naunau i le vaa, o loo ta'u mai ai afai e le toe avea le vaa i totonu o le 30 aso talu ona meli le faaaliga, o le a faatau loa pe lafoai; e tatau foi ona i ai i le faaaliga le faamatalaga o le vaa ma le mea o i ai, ma e le tau avatua fua i se tagata e ana le vaa poo se tagata foi e le o faamauina sona mana o le vaa ma e le ma iloa foi sona tuatusi; ma

(4) e le toe avea le vaa i totonu o le 30 aso e pei ona ta'ua mai i le (3) o lenei maga.

20.0514 Faatauina poo le lafoa'ia o se vaa.

Afai e tia se vaa, e mafai loa e le tagata e ona le pisinisi lipea, poo sona sui faatagaina, pe afai e uma ona faasalalau faatasi i se nusipepa iloa, ona feutaga'ia o le faatauga poo le lafoa'ia foi o le vaa. Ui o lea, e le mafai ona faatau pe lafoai le vaa ae lei atoa le 5 aso talu ona faasalalauina le faaaliga.

20.0515 Tufaina o tupe e maua mai se vaa.

O le tagata faatagaina e faatauina atu le vaa tia i lea e agavaa e alu i ai tupe o le faatauga lea e oo atu i le tulaga e tatau ona alu tupe i le tagata lea mo le galuega na faia e faatatau i le vaa, e aofia ai le totogi mo le tosoina, le taulimaina, le teuina, le totogi o faaaliga, totogi o le faamamaina o le siomaga, le tau o le faaleaogaina ma le lafoaia pe afai ua le toe mafai ona fealua'i o le vaa i le sami ma le faasalalau e manaomia i le T.T.A.S. 20.0514. O se tagata o loo ia umia se aia i le vaa e ave i ai le faamuamua o le totogi mai le paleni o totoe o tupe e faatatau lava i le


aia. O se tupe e totoe o le a avatu lea i le tagata e ana le vaa, pe afai e mafai ona maua. Afai e le mafai ona maua, ona teu lea o le tupe lea i le Teutupe a le malo o Amerika Samoa ma totogi atu i le tagata e ana le vaa pe afai e faila sana tagi talafeagai ai mo lea lava tupe i totonu o le tausaga mai le aso na faatino ai le maliega o le faatauina o le vaa. Afai e leai, ona faasolo ane loa lea o le tupe i le Teritori o Amerika Samoa.


20.0516 Iuga o le fesuia'ia o le igoa o le vaa.

O le fesuia'ia o le igoa ma le initalesi e ala i le faatauina i lalo o le T.T.A.S. 20.0515 o le fesuia'iga lea e ala i le tulafono. Ui o lea, e faamalieina le pili o le faatauina atu e se sui faatagaina e fai ma molimau o le faatagaga o le fesuia'ia o le igoa ma le initalesi.

20.0517 Tuutuuga/Tulafono

E faaaoga e le matagaluega tuutuuga i lalo o le T.T.A.S. 4.1001, ma isi maga e mulimuli mai ai (Tulafono Tau Faagasologa o Galuega) e tauave ai aiaiga o lenei mataupu.”


GAOTEOTE PALAIE TOFAU
Peresetene, Maota Maualuga


SAVALI TALAVOU ALE
Fofoga Fetalai, Maota o Sui

Hereby Approved this 11th day of October 2013
Lalo M. Moliga
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