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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 003 - 2019

**EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 12-18, AS AMENDED,
INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN SAMOA
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY (ASTCA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Section 1: Authority

This Executive Order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Section 6 and Section 7, American Samoa Revised Constitution and the American Samoa Code Annotated, §4.0111, applicable provisions of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of this Executive Order is to amend Executive Order 12-18, as amended, which clarified the duties of the Board and the Executive Director, to increase the membership of the ASTCA Board to seven (7) members.

Section 3: Amendment of Executive Order 12-18, as Amended

- a. Section Three of Executive Order 12-18, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

There is hereby established within the Executive Branch of the American Samoa Government (ASG), the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority (ASTCA), formerly known as the Office of Communications. ASTCA shall exist as a semi-autonomous agency of ASG and will be governed by a board, which shall be known as the ASTCA Board consisting of seven (7) members who are appointed by the Governor for terms of two (2) years.

- b. Section Four of Executive Order 12-18, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:

Of the seven appointees, four (4) at-large members shall be selected on the basis of character, competence, education, experience, and judgment; and at least three (3) shall be members from the private sector and, in addition to the above qualifying factors of the at-large members, shall have accounting, finance, or telecommunication industry experience.

Section 4: Effect

Except as amended herein, all other provisions contained in Executive Order 12-18, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 5: Effective Date

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately.

Dated: November 5, 2019.


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