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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 003 - 2017

American Samoa Commission on Domestic Security

Whereas, the peace and security of American Samoa is threatened by the rise in dangerous and bold criminal activities happening not only in our population centers, but even in our remote village communities; and,

Whereas, this rise in criminal activity is bolstered by the continuing influx of illegal drugs, weapons and other illicit products, and what appears to be a growing attitude of indifference among our leaders and people towards the problem; and,

Whereas, the current condition threatens not only the safety of our people, it strikes at the very heart of our economic initiatives as investors and visitors could be deterred from investing in or visiting an unsafe community; and,

Whereas, the job of securing the peace and safety of our island community rests in the hands of everyone, from our village, religious, and government leaders, to parents and teachers, as well as government agencies charged with securing public safety; and,

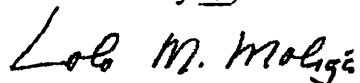
Whereas, among other options that are available, it is appropriate to consider incorporation of our traditional cultural values around protecting the safety of our villages through the involvement of our village chief councils under the supervision of the Office Samoan Affairs.

Now therefore:

1. **Authority:** This Executive Order issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article 1 Section 15 and Article IV Section 6 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, and Section 4.011 American Samoa Code Annotated.
2. **Establishment of Commission:** There is hereby established a Commission to be known as the American Samoa Commission on Domestic Security.
3. **Purpose:** The Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To review and consider the involvement of the village chief councils and village pulenu'u, and other village or local-based organizations in ensuring the safety of our community through reporting, policing, and education;
 - b. To review and consider the involvement or role of faith-based institutions in ensuring the safety and security of our community;
 - c. To review and consider educational or marketing programs to encourage community participation in ensuring the safety of our community;
 - d. To make recommendations on ways to improve the performance of our law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to the Department of Public Safety, Department of Homeland Security, Department of Treasury Customs Division, and the Office of Immigration;
 - e. To review and consider ways to improve cooperation between village and local-based entities and law enforcement; and,
 - f. Draft such statutory changes as may be necessary to accommodate the proposed recommendations.
4. **Membership:** The Commission shall be chaired by the Lieutenant Governor and shall consist of the following permanent members: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, Deputy Secretary of Samoan Affairs, Manu'a District Governor, Eastern District Governor, Western District Governor, Attorney General, Commissioner of Public Safety, Director of Department of Homeland Security, Treasurer, Director of Department of Port Administration, Director of Department of Commerce, Director of Department of Agriculture, Governor's Chief Legal Counsel, and two representatives of the Fono appointed by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively.
5. **Assistance of other government agencies:** All ASG departments, agencies and authorities are directed to provide the Commission with such assistance and cooperation as may be requested.
6. **Effective Date:** The effective date shall be upon issuance of this Executive Order, and it shall continue in effect until dissolved or modified by further Order.

Dated: February 16, 2017



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Governor of American Samoa