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EXECUTIVE ORDER 05- 2021

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING A TECHNOLOGY OFFICE

Section 1: Authority

This executive order is hereby issued in accordance with the powers and authority granted to the Governor by Article IV, Sections 6 and 7 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, and the American Samoa Code Annotated, Section 4.0111 (b).

Section 2: Preamble

WHEREAS, the Executive Branch currently does not have a centralized information technology office; and

WHEREAS, information technology is a key part of government operations; and

WHEREAS, full-time information technology staff play a vital role in identifying and responding to cybersecurity threats; and

WHEREAS, information technology and security require full-time support; and

WHEREAS, an information technology office will protect critical infrastructure, promote a unified approach to IT management for executive branch agencies, and support stronger relationships within the Executive Branch and with other partners.

NOW THEREFORE, I, TALAEUGA E. V. ALE, Acting Governor of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, hereby execute this order.

Section 3: Order

There is hereby established within the Office of the Governor Technology Office led by a Manager who will report to the Chief of Staff and be supported by staff as needed.

Section 4: Scope and Mission

The Technology Office, through the Manager, shall provide technology services to the Governor's Office and other Executive Branch agencies by request.

Section 5: Interagency Coordination

- (a) The Technology Office shall develop service agreements with executive branch departments and agencies to ensure quality products and services are delivered as scheduled and budgeted.
- (b) Nothing in this order mandates that agencies use the Technology Office for their information technology needs.


Section 6: Repealer

Executive Orders 014-2010 and 004-2012 are hereby repealed.

Section 7: Effective Date

This order shall take effect immediately and will remain in effect until further notice.

Date: 9/2/21



Talauega E. V. Ale
Acting Governor of American Samoa