



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

EXECUTIVE ORDER 006-2022

AN ORDER CALLING THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 2022

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 Congress of the United States, in its Act of February 20, 1929, provided that until the Congress shall provide for the Government of the islands of American Samoa, all civil, judicial, and military powers shall be vested in such person or persons and exercised in such manner as the President of the United States shall direct; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 10264 the President of the United States directed that the Secretary of the Interior should take such action as may be necessary and appropriate and in harmony with applicable law, for the administration of civil government in American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that, in the process of developing self-government, the people of American Samoa should enjoy certain rights and responsibilities inherent in the representative form of government; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that these rights and responsibilities be clearly set forth in a Constitution, and the adoption of a Constitution is in harmony with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution adopted in 1960 having been ratified and approved by the Secretary of Interior and having been approved by a Constitutional Convention of the people of American Samoa and a majority of the voters of American Samoa voting at the 1966 election, is established to further advance government of the people, by the people, and for the people of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, Congress enacted under 48 U.S.C. §1662a, the law which now states: “Amendments of, or modifications to, the Constitution of American Samoa, as approved by the Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Executive Order 10264 as in effect January 1, 1983, may be made only by Act of Congress”; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides an amendment process allowing the people to revisit, improve, or correct it and ensure it continues as a “living document”; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Constitutional Review Committee has presented its Report to the Governor with amendments and proposals approved by the Constitutional Review Committee in preparation for a 6th Constitutional Convention of American Samoa;

NOW THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Constitution of American Samoa and the American Samoa Code Annotated, hereby execute this order.

Section 3: Order

The Constitutional Convention of 2022 is hereby called. It shall convene on August 29, 2022 and shall adjourn on September 2, 2022. Delegates to the convention shall consider, discuss, debate and vote on amendments to the Revised Constitution of American Samoa of 1967 or a revised draft constitution presented by the Constitutional Review Committee.

The delegates to the convention shall be selected by their respective County Councils in accordance with the Revised Constitution of 1967 and Executive Order 007-2022.

If the Convention approves amendments to the Revised Constitution of 1967 or a revised draft constitution by a simple majority vote, such amendments or such a draft will be submitted by the Governor to voters eligible to vote for members of the House of Representatives at the next general election.

Section 4: Effective Date

This order shall take effect immediately.

Date: June 20, 2022



LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor