



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

**PROCLAMATION
CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 2022**

WHEREAS, in 1960 in the year when it was first adopted, the Constitution of American Samoa was said to represent the “greatest step forward” in the political development of the territory since the raising of the American flag on the island of Tutuila in 1900; and

WHEREAS, 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 clearly set forth in the Constitution; and

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

WHEREAS, the last Constitutional Convention was in 2010; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2021, Public Law 37-6 was signed into law in order to provide an adequate budget of the American Samoa Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 002-2016 created the Office of Political Status, Constitutional Review and Federal Relations for the purpose of researching and developing constitutional as well as political status issues and public education, communications and civil discourse; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 006-21 directed the Office of Political Status, Constitutional Review and Federal Relations to prepare for the 2022 Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 001-2022 created the Constitutional Review Committee, defining its duties, responsibilities, and powers and appointing the initial membership; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 006-2022 called for the Constitutional Convention of 2022; and


WHEREAS, Executive Order 007-2022 called upon all county councils of the territory to submit their list of delegates to the American Samoa 2022 Constitutional Convention.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LEMANU P. S. MAUGA, Governor of American Samoa, proclaim by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and the people of American Samoa, do hereby

proclaim the proceedings of Constitutional Convention of 2022 opened on August 29, 2022 through September 2, 2022. If necessary, the Convention will extend one additional day through September 3, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby affix my signature and seal of my office on this the 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.



LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor of American Samoa