

PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA GOVERNOR

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#### EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.: 006 - 25

# AN ORDER TO AMEND THE EXECUTIVE ORDER 005 – 2025, GRANTING THE SECRETARY OF AMERICAN SAMOA THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF GOOD STANDING FOR CORPORATIONS

Section 1: Premable

- **WHEREAS**, Executive Order No.: 005-2025 was issued to centralize governmental authority and enhance administrative efficiency;
- **WHEREAS**, the historical practice of multiple agencies issuing certificates of good standing has resulted in inconsistent procedures and standards;
- WHEREAS, amendment of Executive Order No.: 005-2025 is necessary to allow time to establish a consistent regulatory framework to ensure uniform practices and compliance with territorial laws;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, Article IV, Section 6 and 7, and the American Samoa Code Annotated §4.0131, I, Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, Governor of American Samoa, hereby order as follows:

# Section 2: Authority

The executive order is hereby issued in accordance with the powers and authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Sections 6 and 7 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa.

## Section 3: Amendment of Executive Order No.: 005-2025

Executive Order No.:005-2025 is amended as follows:

- 1. Section 3 is deleted in entirety and replaced with:
  - a. <u>The Department of Treasury shall issue certificates of good standing for corporations, non-profit corporations, and government agencies.</u>
  - b. <u>Certificates of good standing for Limited Liability Corporations (LLC) shall remain with the Office of Financial Institutions.</u>
- 2. Section 8 is deleted in its entirety, renamed Section 4, and replaced with:
  - a. The Treasurer of American Samoa shall immediately:
    - Develop and implement comprehensive administrative procedures and/or emergency rules governing the application for and issuance of certificates of good standing, incorporating standardized procedures and criteria to ensure consistency and reliability in the certification process;

- ii. Establish reasonable fees for certificates of good standing, which fees shall be deposited into the General of American Samoa; and
- iii. <u>Immediately notify the public of the procedures and requirements for obtaining certificates of good standing.</u>
- 3. Section 11 is deleted in entirety, renamed Section 5, and replaced with:
  - a. The Treasurer, shall develop legislation and/or regulations to amend and/or revise existing laws to reconcile any inconsistencies or fill any gaps in the law to resolve the lack of clear authority regarding the issuance of certificates of good standing.
- 4. Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 are deleted in their entirety.
- 5. All other provisions of Executive Order No.: 005-2025 shall remain in full force and effect.

### **Section 4:** Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon the date of its execution, and shall remain in effect until order of the Governor.

Dated: September 30th, 2025

PULAALI'I NIKOLAO PULA Governor of American Samoa