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EXECUTIVE ORDER 003 - 2020

**AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY EXTEND NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSIONS
DUE TO THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Section 1. Authority

This executive order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Sections 6 and 7 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, and Sections 4.0111 and 26.0105 of the American Samoa Code Annotated.

Section 2. Preamble

WHEREAS, a continued State of Emergency was declared on March 18, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its imminent threat to the health and safety of the people of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, in that declaration and the subsequent extensions, social distancing measures have been put in place that have had an impact on the ability to perform certain government functions; and

WHEREAS, due to the increased restrictions in place to protect the public health, notaries have been unable to renew their commissions that are set to expire; and

WHEREAS, notaries provide a valuable service to the public especially in times of emergency where their services are required for certain benefit programs;

NOW THEREFORE, I, **LOLO MATALASI MOLIGA**, Governor of American Samoa, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Revised Constitution of American Samoa and Territorial statutes passed pursuant thereto, hereby execute this order.

Section 3. Emergency Extension of Notary Commissions

In accordance with ASCA § 26.0105(g)(1), for any notary whose commission has expired since March 18, 2020 or whose commission is set to expire this year, their term, as set forth in ASCA § 31.0310, is extended to December 31, 2020, on the conditions that:

- a) The notary shall annotate on each notarial act completed during the extension the following: "The notary commission is extended until December 31, 2020 pursuant to Executive Order."
- b) The notary public shall maintain a valid surety bond during the period of extension.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing and shall remain in effect until further order of the Governor.

Dated: May 29, 2020



LOLO M. MOLIGA
Governor of American Samoa