



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

EXECUTIVE ORDER 005 – 2023

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING NEW MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA
FOR THE GOVERNOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL AND
SUPERSEDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 010-2022**

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). superseding

Section 2: Preamble

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Government wants to encourage our youth to have a voice in the future of our Territory; and

WHEREAS, keeping young people involved in the affairs of our government and society will encourage them to learn here, to work here, and to live here, and

WHEREAS, providing the young people in our Territory with a forum to address their concerns will promote the long-term health of our society.

NOW THEREFORE, I, TALAUEGA E. V. ALE, Acting 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

There is established a Governor's Youth Council.

- (a) The Youth Council shall consist of
 - (1) Two students, one boy and one girl between the ages of sixteen and twenty-two years old, from each public and private school that has high school classes to be selected by the principal or director of that school;
 - (2) One student who is between the ages of sixteen and thirty years old from the American Samoa Community College that is selected by the president of the college; and
 - (3) Six members appointed by the Governor, two from each district, who are between the ages of sixteen and thirty years old at the time of their appointment.
- (b) No member of the Governor's Youth Council on the day this order is signed may be removed from the council because they do not meet the age requirements found

in Section 3(a) of this Order. Future appointments to the Governor’s Youth Council must meet these requirements.

- (c) Initial appointments shall be made as soon as possible.
- (d) Subsequent appointments shall be made by September 15th of each year.

Section 4: Duties of the Council

The Council shall:

- (a) Act as a voice for the youth of American Samoa to the American Samoa Government;
- (b) Select a chair and vice chair who shall preside in meetings of the Council and coordinate with government leaders to carry out the functions of the Council;
- (c) Meet no less than once a month;
- (d) Express the concerns of children and youth;
- (e) Make recommendations for policies and public programs to address the needs of children and youth including, but not limited to, health, social services, education, recreation, delinquency, foster care, transportation, and job opportunities;
- (f) Review and make recommendations for legislations pertaining to children and youth in areas including, but not limited to, health, social services, education, recreation, delinquency, foster care, and job opportunities; and
- (g) Encourage and foster local community action on behalf of and by children and young adults.

Section 5: Staff Support

The Director of the Department of Youth and Women’s Affairs shall oversee the Governor’s Youth Council and act as a liaison between the Council and other organizations to ensure the smooth and continued operation of the Council.

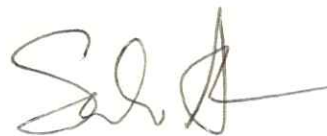
Section 6: Repealer

This order supersedes Executive Order 010-2022.

Section 7: Effective Date

This order shall take effect immediately and will remain in effect until January 3, 2025, unless it is extended, superseded, amended, or repealed.

Date: 2/8/23



TALAUEGA E. V. ALE
Acting Governor of American Samoa