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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 003 - 2015

AN ORDER NAMING
THE AMERICAN SAMOA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY
EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING IN TAFUNA THE
"ALEKI SENE, SR. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER"
IN HONOR OF THE FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE AMERICAN SAMOA TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

Section 1. Authority

This Executive Order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Section 7, American Samoa Revised Constitution and ASCA Section 4.0111.

Section 2. Preamble

WHEREAS, Aleki Sene, Sr. is the longest serving director in the history of the American Samoa Government, serving 11 governors over 50 years, and has been the primary force behind both the development of modern telecommunications in the Territory of American Samoa, and the establishment of the American Samoa Government Employees' Retirement Fund; and,

WHEREAS, Aleki Sene, Sr. was born, raised and educated in American Samoa, graduating from the first class of the American Samoa High School (now known as Samoana High School) in1950; and,

WHEREAS, Aleki Sene, Sr. served in the U.S. Army and, with college funding earned through his military service, went on to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from San Jose State University, State of California; and,

WHEREAS, after working for six years as a radio engineer for Pan American Airlines, Aleki Sene, Sr. returned to the Territory of American Samoa in 1963 to serve the American Samoa Government, as an engineer for the Office of Communications, the Governor's Communications Officer from 1967 to 1972, Director for the Office of Communications from 1972 to 1997, and as Executive Director of the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority ("ASTCA") from 1998 to 2013; and.

WHEREAS, during his tenure as the leader of the government's telecommunications services, Aleki Sene, Sr. consistently moved the Territory's telecommunications services forward, including establishing the Territory's first overseas communications with Hawaii and the U.S. mainland; and,

WHEREAS, when the American Samoa Government Employees' Retirement Fund was established in 1972, Aleki Sene, Sr. was a founding member of its Board of Trustees, and continuously served the Fund as a member of its Board, including as its Chairman from 1985, until 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the ASTCA Executive Office Building, as it exists today, was a project conceived and designed by Aleki Sene, Sr. and constructed during his term as the Executive Director.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LOLO M. MOLIGA, Governor of American Samoa, do hereby proclaim that the ASTCA Executive Office Building in Tafuna, American Samoa shall henceforth be known as the

"ALEKI SENE, SR. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER,"

an appropriate tribute befitting the years of honorable service of this former Director of the Office of Communications and Executive Director of ASTCA.

Section 3. Order

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor as cited in Section 1 of this Order, the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority Executive Office Building in Tafuna, American Samoa, shall herewith be named the "ALEKI SENE, SR. TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTER."

Section 4. Effective Date

This order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: October / 9, 2015.

Lolo M. Moliga

Governor

cc: Per Standard List



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PRESS RELEASE (for immediate release)

(Utulei, American Samoa)

Governor Lolo M. Moliga announced today the naming of the American Samoa Telecommunications Authority ("ASTCA") Executive Office Building in Tafuna in honor of Aleki Sene, Sr. The "Aleki Sene, Sr., Telecommunications Center", as it will be known going forward, was formally named in Executive Order 003-2015, issued in late October.

The Executive Order, copy attached, notes Mr. Sene's many contributions to the development of modern telecommunications in the territory, including his serving 11 governors over 50 years, and as Director of the Office of Communications, and then Executive Director of ASTCA, for a total of 40 years.

Mr. Sene responded, expressing his "deepest gratitude to Gov. Lolo Moliga, Chairman Roy J.D. Hall, Jr., and the Board members of ASTCA for the honor given me".

ASTCA is ordering the appropriate signage and will soon announce the unveiling date for the newly named Aleki Sene, Sr., Telecommunications Center.