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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 04-1990

ESTABLISHMENT OF EMERGENCY  
PRICE CONTROL MEASURES AND BOARD OF  
EMERGENCY PRICE CONTROL

WHEREAS, on February 4, 1990, an Executive Declaration was issued out of this Office, declaring and proclaiming that American Samoa is in a state of disaster emergency due to devastating and great damages left by Cyclone Ofa; and

WHEREAS, President George Bush has today, February 9, 1990, declared American Samoa as a major disaster area because of the great and substantial damages left by Cyclone Ofa; and

WHEREAS, the Territory of American Samoa is in a situation that requires cooperation and understanding toward our concerted effort and mission to assist and help the people of American Samoa, to recovery, especially those who hve been seriously affected by the results of the hirricane; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that an increasing number of merchants, stores, or businesses, have suddenly increased prices on food items, clothing, building materials and supplies, and other merchandise and commodities as a result of the shortages of supplies and increase in demand for said goods, merchandise and commodities,

created by the state of disaster emergency that has been declared;  
and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of public health, morals, safety and general welfare to prevent such acts that take unfair advantage of this state of disaster emergency that temporary emergency price control measures be instituted.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of American Samoa under provisions of Article IV of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, and Sections 4.0303 and 26.0105 of the American Samoa Code Annotated, I, Peter Tali Coleman, Governor of American Samoa, do hereby order and decree as follows:

1. Effective immediately, no person, store, business entity, corporation, partnership, or association, engaged in the sale of goods, foods, merchandise and other commodities, shall increase or raise prices on any of his or its goods, foods, merchandise, or any other commodities sold in American Samoa.

2. All prices on all such goods, foods, merchandise and any other commodities that were in effect in American Samoa as of February 6, 1990, shall continue during the term of this state of disaster emergency.

3. The Board of Emergency Price Control, vested with authority in executing and enforcing the mandate of this Executive Order, is hereby created. The following individuals are appointed as members of and shall constitute the said board: Mr. Ryan Gebauer as Chairman; Mr. Jerry Langford, member; and Mrs. Virginia Samuelu, member.

The Economic Development Planning Office and the Bureau of Consumer Affairs of the Office of the Attorney General are to assist the Emergency Price Control Board with its tasks and mission.

4. Any person, store, or business entity that violates this Executive Order shall be subject to pay a fine of at least \$500, or a maximum fine of up to \$10,000, for each violation.

In addition to the fine to be imposed, the person's or entity's business license shall be subject to suspension for a period of up to six (6) months.

This Executive Order shall become effective immediately.

Executed at Fagatogo, American Samoa on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1990.

  
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PETER TALI COLEMAN  
Governor