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EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 001 -2002

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
TERRITORIAL HOMELAND SECURITY OFFICE (TOHS).

Section 1: AUTHORITY

This Executive Order is issued under the authority of the Governor in Article IV, Section 6 and Section 7, American Samoa Revised Constitution and A.S.C.A Section 26.0105.

Section 2: PREAMBLE

Whereas, the events of September 11, 2001 have galvanized the nation to rapidly achieve and diligently maintain an enhanced level of domestic preparedness to detect, prevent and respond to acts of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

Whereas, the President of the United States (per Executive Order 13228) on October 8, 2001 created the Office of Homeland Security within the Office of the White House and appointed Governor Tom Ridge as Homeland Security Director to oversee, coordinate and advise on all aspects of federal domestic preparedness at the national level.

Whereas, the Office of Homeland Security has requested the Governor of each State and Territory to establish an Office of Homeland Security within each State and Territory and appoint a Homeland Security Advisor to plan, oversee and coordinate the activities of state/territorial agencies and advise the Governor on matters of domestic preparedness and to liaise with the national office and the local communities.

Therefore, this order is hereby issued to establish the Territorial Office of Homeland Security (TOHS) for the purpose of planning, implementing and monitoring programs and projects related to homeland security for the territory of American Samoa and reporting on the territorial state of readiness to the National Office of Homeland Security.

Section 3: ORGANIZATION OF THE TERRITORIAL OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The Territorial Office of Homeland Security is established as a division within the Office of the Governor and headed by the Homeland Security Advisor who reports to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. A Program manager and an office administrator will assist the Homeland Security Advisor. The Territorial Office of Homeland Security will be physically located within the Territorial Emergency Management Coordinating Office (TEMCO).

Section 4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TERRITORIAL OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY

The purpose of TOHS is to identify and develop security programs and projects that enhance the state of readiness in the territory and meet the national objective for homeland security and defense. TOHS is created to support agencies and organizations that participate in homeland security activities. In this capacity TOHS is responsible for:

- Developing a Territorial Homeland Security Operations Plan. This plan is to identify security and response weaknesses and prioritize specific homeland security projects and programs to address shortfalls and security lapses.
- Working with frontline first responders, government agencies, private sector and local communities in American Samoa to enhance security and the overall state of readiness in the territory.
- Identifying and negotiating federal, state and community resources (human, financial, equipment) for the implementation of homeland security projects and programs
- Ensuring the appropriate expenditure of federal and local resources for the purpose of homeland security
- Monitoring the implementation of homeland security programs and projects and reporting on the territorial state of readiness to the National Office of Homeland Security.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This executive order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: May 27th, 2002



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