

AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR PAGO PAGO, AMERICAN SAMOA 96799

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10-1984

FY 1985 BUDGET AUTHORITY AND PLANNED OPERATIONAL CONTROL MEASURES

My Executive Order of October 24, 1984 indicated that on October 12, 1984 the President signed the Continuing Resolution, P.L. 98-473. A short time later, the Assistant Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs informed me the grant offer for operations would be forthcoming, with construction grants to follow.

While the specific terms of the operations grant offer were unknown, it was necessary for us to continue under the normal restrictions of a continuing resolution. However, we have received the grant offer for operations and it contains the full 1985 fiscal year appropriation as provided in P.L. 98-473, with only minor deviations from the President's request.

At this point, the American Samoa Government may proceed with operations under the fiscal year 1985 budget act, P.L. 18-44, effective September 30, 1984. Other federally funded programs may also operate within approved budgets so long as the funding is supported by grant awards, specific funding authorization cables or other clear documentation of authority.

Through substantial cooperative effort within this administration, we have recently emerged from a period of financial crisis. While the financial picture for fiscal year 1985 is favorable for funding our Government's operations, there is reason to suspect that leaner times will be faced as early as fiscal year 1986. A new administration will be installed in January 1985. Therefore, I urge all departments and offices to exercise tight managerial controls in the execution of their budgets. Specifically, it is necessary to monitor the filling of new positions and vacancies, staff reclassification, equipment purchases, contractual obligations and travel. We must be careful that expenditures are for the benefit of American Samoa. They must not commit the Government to a higher level of spending which cannot be reasonably maintained in the following years. I especially ask you to watch travel. Even though budgeted, travel takes key staff away from normal duties here and should not be performed unless it helps maintain staff professionalism, upgrades staff by useful training or exposure to fresh

approaches to meeting our day-to-day problems, sells desired programs to grantor agencies, or is otherwise clearly in the Government's interests.

Dated: Nov. 20 , 1984.

PETER TALI COLEMAN

Governor of American Samoa