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From : Governor of American Samoa
Subject : Immediate Implementation of Commitments Pursuant to Executive Order 10A-2007

On August 21, 2007, Executive Order 10A-2007 was issued for the purpose of committing the American Samoa Government to the amelioration of global climate change and its negative effects on the Territory. The Executive Order set forth the initiatives that the ASG would take to address the issue of climate change and so it is the purpose of this General Memorandum to signal the immediate implementation of said initiatives.

Below is a listing of the commitments and the ASG department or agency which is responsible for its implementation:

- » The Central Procurement Office shall ensure that beginning with model year 2008, all new passenger and light-duty vehicles purchased by the ASG have a minimum combined USEPA fuel efficiency rating of 20 mpg.
- » The Central Procurement Office shall ensure that the ASG no longer purchases 4-wheel drive vehicles except in circumstances where a definite need can be shown.
- » The Central Procurement Office shall ensure that the ASG will add hybrid vehicles (passenger and light-duty trucks) to its fleet beginning with a hybrid purchase rate of 5% for the model year 2008, and incrementally increase at the rate of 5% per year to 50% by model year 2017.

- » Effective January 1, 2009, the Department of Treasury, Customs Division, will enforce a ban on the importation of vehicles, for private or Government use, manufactured prior to the model year 1999.
- » As part of its responsibilities the Attorney General and the Division of Weights and Measures, shall, effective January 1, 2008, ensure that all fueling stations in the Territory, private, commercial and Government, have installed auto shut-off and vapor recovery nozzles on all fuel pumps.
- » The Central Procurement Office in conjunction with the Territorial Energy Office shall ensure that all ASG departments, offices, and agencies begin the immediate replacement of all incandescent light bulbs in ASG facilities with compact florescent bulbs.
- » The Central Procurement Office shall ensure that all ASG appliances and electronic purchases have a USEPA energy star approval.
- » The Department of Treasury, Customs Division, shall ensure that effective October 1, 2007 the importation of all detergents with greater than 11% phosphorous is banned.

All departments and agencies with jurisdiction shall designate a contact individual in the department who will file a written report with the Office of the Governor within 30 days from the date of this General Memorandum. The report shall outline the progress and any problems encountered in the implementation of this General Memorandum and Executive Order 10A-2007.

I trust you will extend your usual cooperation in making sure the directives in this General Memorandum are carried out expeditiously and effectively.


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Attachment: Executive Order 10A-2007

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