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DECLARATION OF CONTINUED AND EXPANDED PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Office of the Governor and the Department of Health remain prepared to take all necessary measures to protect the health and welfare of residents of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, American Samoa has been under a Public Health Emergency since November 13 in response to the measles outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the Territory has fifteen confirmed cases of the measles with the most recent occurring on January 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the measles remains a threat to public health as the vaccination campaign continues to target eligible populations in the Territory; and

WHEREAS, an outbreak of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) began in Wuhan, China; and

WHEREAS, 2019-nCoV is a respiratory illness similar to MERS and SARS that spreads from person-to-person through respiratory droplets; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of 2019-nCoV include fever, cough, and shortness of breath with onset occurring 2-14 days after exposure; and

WHEREAS, 2019-nCoV is highly contagious and symptoms ranging from people being mildly sick to people being severely ill and dying, and

WHEREAS, according to the CDC, an incubation period for 2019-nCoV is 14 days; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure or vaccine for 2019-nCoV at this time; and

WHEREAS, there have been 5,970 cases of 2019-nCoV and more than 130 deaths and rising in mainland China since the start of the outbreak in mid-December 2019; and

WHEREAS, there have been confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in 18 countries including Australia and the United States; and

WHEREAS, the threat of an outbreak and global epidemic is imminent and necessitates a response to protect the health and welfare of the people of American Samoa; and

THEREFORE, I, Lolo M. Moliga, Governor of American Samoa, declare a continuation of the public health emergency initially declared on November 13, 2019 and extended on December 8, 2019 and January 7, 2020 and authorize the Department of Health to utilize all necessary powers under the American Samoa Emergency Health Powers Act, to contain the measles outbreak and the threat of the 2019-nCoV outbreak. The state of emergency declared on December 08, 2019 is extended concurrently.

Pursuant to A.S.C.A 13.0307 and 26.0105, I further declare that:

All OK Board, Entry Permit Waivers, and Transit permits for foreign nationals are suspended until further notice. OK Boards for US Nationals will continue to be processed with the added requirement of verifying countries traveled to in the previous 30 days.

All non-US passport holders must go through the Entry Permit process to travel to American Samoa. The following restrictions will be put in place immediately:

- **All foreign travelers, except for Samoa passport holders, seeking an entry permit must enter American Samoa through the Hawaii route. The traveler must spend 14 days in Hawaii before entering American Samoa.**
- **Travelers that have been present in an affected country must remain in an unaffected country for at least 14 days prior to entry to American Samoa. Due to heightened risk, entry permits of travelers from affected areas may be denied even if all other requirements have been fulfilled.**
- **All entry permit applications will be subject to a 30-day review period. Approval of permits prior to the completion of the 30-days is not guaranteed and in no circumstances will a permit be approved before 14 days have passed from the time of application.**
- **All entry permit applications must also include the following clearances: Immunization clearance from DOH, health exam clearance from Ministry of Health (for Samoa citizens), LBJ Clearance, Court Clearance, Homeland Security Clearance (for non-Samoan citizens)**
- **All travelers must provide information on the countries they have been to in the 30 days prior to entry. In support of this requirement, permit applications are to include copies of**

the passport pages showing stamps at ports of entry and departure. The Immigration office is tasked with verifying this information. Any traveler found to falsify or omit information will be immediately removed from the Territory.

- Samoa citizens must have a health exam administered and approved by the Ministry of Health 14 days prior to entry into American Samoa.
- All children under 18 years of age must show proof of vaccinations for all required vaccinations according to Table 1 of the CDC recommendations (attached hereto).
- An immigration bond of \$500 per person will be required in accordance with ASAC 41.0409(b) for all crewman of vessels seeking entry into American Samoa.

DOH will coordinate screening for all passengers upon arrival at each port of entry. Such screening shall be for measles and 2019-nCoV. The public is advised that these screenings will increase processing times at the airport and to plan accordingly.

DOH Leone Clinic has been designated as the quarantine facility for any suspected cases of 2019-nCoV. DOH and LBJ will initiate a coordinated response to treat suspected cases.

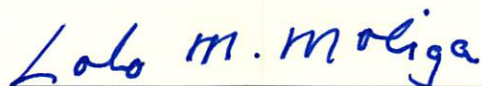
In cooperation with travel requirements imposed by the Independent State of Samoa, all travelers to Samoa must receive a health exam 3 days prior to travel. DOH is the only agency authorized to issue health exams. All health exams will take place at Tafuna Health Center.

The amnesty program for overstayers will close for registration on February 6, 2020 as previously scheduled. The public is advised that there will be increased immigration enforcement efforts and all those who have not registered for the amnesty program will be subject to all applicable penalties including fines and deportation.

All other emergency policies currently in effect will remain so until further notice or expiration of this extended public health emergency declaration.

This declaration will be in effect for thirty (30) days and will expire on February 28, 2020.

Dated: January 29, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lolo M. Moliga". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lolo M. Moliga
Governor