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TO: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, Directors, Agency Heads, CEO

FR: Director of Homeland Security

SUBJECT: FirstNet Program Enrollment

Pursuant to the Governor's directive, this correspondence serves to solicit your executive engagement and immediate support to the Department of Homeland Security (ASDHS) and the American Samoa Telecommunication Authority (ASTCA) to enroll the Cabinet, Deputy Directors, and mission critical personnel to enroll in the FirstNet Program, which allows prioritization of telecommunication capabilities (voice & data) in the event of a natural or man-made disaster without subject to normal communications traffic through service providers in American Samoa.

The FirstNet Program is a resource available to the community of First Responders to communicate in real time with line agencies and allows Leaders to manage Operations during times of Emergencies. The expansion of FirstNet Program to our network of strategic partners will be facilitated following the enrollment of the Cabinet and agencies responsible for Disaster Management.

Given the urgency of this directive, we implore every Cabinet Director to coordinate with EOC Operations Chief at 699-3800 ext/116 or email eoc.opschief@asdhs.as.gov to ensure all prerequisites for enrollment are met before ASTCA proceeds with service registration and activation with AT&T.

We appreciate your continued support and cooperation as we strive to improve and strengthen our Territorial Emergency Management processes and procedures for the safety of our people. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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