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PROCLAMATION
CONTINUED STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
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Whereas, on February 8, 2018, Tropical Storm Gita hit the Territory of American Samoa causing serious damage to public infrastructure, homes and businesses; and

Whereas, on February 9, 2018, I proclaimed a State of Emergency for all of American Samoa; and

Whereas, debris from damaged homes, uprooted trees and brush, and personal property continue to litter the island; and

Whereas, hundreds of homes were damaged and many families remain displaced; and

Whereas, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has just opened their Disaster Recovery Center to start the process of rebuilding the lives of affected individuals, businesses and public institutions; and

Whereas, emergency powers continue to be needed to facilitate a speedy recovery and to limit the loss of property and to protect the health of residents; and

Whereas, this Proclamation is issued to continue the state of emergency for a period of 30 days to expedite recovery efforts and to provide a setting conducive to rapid and orderly restoration and rehabilitation of persons and property affected by this disaster.

NOW THEREFORE, I, LOLO M. MOLIGA, Governor of American Samoa, hereby continue the State of Emergency for the entire Territory of American Samoa for an additional 30 days. Furthermore, I continue to call upon the government, non-government organizations, the private sector and residents of the Territory of American Samoa to assist and cooperate with the authorities to safeguard lives and property. Therefore, emergency powers of procurement and hiring and any other lawful emergency powers remain in effect.

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