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CERTIFICATION

Senate Chamber
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I certify that Senate Resolution No. 38-44 passed on this date in the Senate during its Fourth Regular Session of the Thirty-Eighth Legislature of American Samoa.


MRS. MOTUSAGA PELETI
Secretary of the Senate

SENATE RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) AND THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) TO ADDRESS THE RAMPANT ILLEGAL DRUG PROBLEM IN AMERICAN SAMOA.

WHEREAS, the Senate of American Samoa recognizes the increasing threat posed by the proliferation of illegal drugs within the territory, which has escalated to a level that endangers the safety and well-being of local residents; and

WHEREAS, the availability and distribution of drugs, particularly within schools, expose the younger generation to significant risks, undermining their health, safety, and potential for future success; and

WHEREAS, the Senate is deeply concerned that the prevalence of drugs in all sectors of society is contributing to a decline in public safety, with adverse effects on families, communities, and the overall security of American Samoa; and

WHEREAS, the local law enforcement agencies, despite their best efforts, face substantial challenges in effectively combating this growing crisis due to limited resources, manpower, and the complex nature of drug-related crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Senate acknowledges the need for immediate and robust intervention to prevent further deterioration of the situation, and recognizes that collaboration with federal agencies is crucial to address the scope and scale of the drug problem in American Samoa,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:


THAT, the American Samoa Senate, for itself and on behalf of the people of the Territory of American Samoa, recommends to Governor Lemanu P. Mauga and the American Samoa Government the following:

- 1. That the Senate formally requests the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to provide expertise, resources, and support to local law enforcement agencies in addressing the drug crisis in American Samoa; and*

2. That the Senate urges the FBI and DEA to prioritize the investigation and disruption of drug trafficking networks operating within the territory, with a special focus on preventing the distribution of drugs to schools and other vulnerable populations; and

3. That the Senate calls for a comprehensive strategy that includes enhanced intelligence sharing, training for local law enforcement, and community outreach programs aimed at reducing demand for illegal drugs and promoting public awareness of the dangers associated with drug use; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is requested to transmit this resolution to the Honorable Lemanu P. Sialega Mauga, Governor of American Samoa; with copies to Director Christopher A. Wray, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mrs. Anne Milgram, Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Mrs. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, the American Samoa Delegate to the United States Congress and Mr. Lefiti Aitulagi F. Pesē the Commissioner of Public Safety.


TUAOLO MANALA E. FRUEAN
President of the Senate

I'UGAFONO MAOTA MAUALUGA

O SE IUGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E TALOSAGA AI LE FESOASOANI MAI LE FBI MA LE PULEGA E FAAMALOSIA TULAFONO TAU VAILA'AU (DEA) I LE FEAGAI AI MA LE FAAFITAU LI TELE O VAILA'AU/FUALA'AU FAASAINA I AMERIKA SAMOA.

TALUAI, *ua silafia e le Maota Mauuluga o Amerika Samoa le faatupula'ia pea o le tulaga lamatia ua i ai ona o le faateteleina o le faafitauli i fuala'au faasaina i le teritori ua oo atu i se tulaga ua lamatia ai le saogalemu ma le soifua lelei o tagatanuu; ma*

TALUAI, *o le faigofie ona maua o fuala'au ae maise ai i totonu o a'oga, ua lamatia ai le ola o tupulaga laititi, ma o le a fai ma faalavelave i lo latou soifuamaloloina, le saogalemu, ma le agai atu ai i se lumanai manuia; ma*

TALUAI, *ua matua atugalua le Senate ona o le faafitauli lea ua aliali mai i vaega uma o le atunuu ma o le a lamatia ai le saogalemu lautele, leaga ai aiga, o le atunuu, ma le aotelega o Amerika Samoa; ma*

TALUAI, *e ui i taumafaiga aupito lelei vaega faamalosi tulafono, o loo faafeagai pea latou ma lu'itau tetele i le tau fo'ia o le faafitauli leni ona e tapulaa mea faigaluega, o tagata faigaluega, ma le natura lavelave lava o solitulafono e mafua mai i fuala'au faasaina; ma*

TALUAI, *ua silafia e le Maota Mauuluga le mana'oga mo se fesoasoani vave e puipui ai i le tuiititia o le tulaga ua i ai, ma ua silafia e le Maota le taua tele o le galulue ma vaega a le malo tele e fo'ia ai le tulaga ua oo i ai le faafitauli i vaila'au ma fuala'au faasaina i Amerika; ma*

O LENEI O LE MEA LEA, IA FAAIUGAFONOINA E LE MAOTA MAUALUGA O LE TERITORI O AMERIKA SAMOA:

E FAAPEA, *e fautuaina e le Maota Mauuluga o Amerika Samoa, ma fai ai foi ma sui o tagata o le Teritori, le Afioga i le Koyana, Lemanu P. S. Mauga ma le Malo Amerika Samoa i mea o loo ta'ua i lalo:*

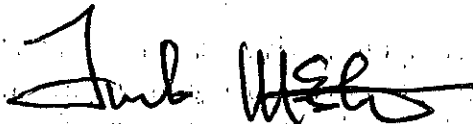
1. *E talosaga aloa'ia e le Maota Mauuluga le fesoasoani a le Vaega Su'esu'e a le Malo Tele (FBI) ma le Pulega o le Faamalosia o Tulafono tau Vaila'au (DEA) ina*

ia fesoasoani mai i le tomai, o mea faigaluega, ma le lagolagosua i vaega faamalosi tulafono i lo tatou lotoifale i le seagai ai ma le fo'ia o le faafitauli i vaila'au ma fuala'au faasaina i Amerika Samoa; ma

2. E fautuaina e le Senate le FBI ma le DEA ina ia faamuamua le su'esu'eina ma le faafesalaveia o le fe'avea'ia o fuala'au/vaila'au faasaina i le teritori, ma ia faapitoa le tagai i le puipuia o le tufatufaina o fuala'au ia i a'oga ma isi vaega faapea o le atunuu; ma
3. E vala'auina e le Senate se faiga e afia ai le fefaasoa'i o faamatalaga/suesuega, toleniga mo le au faamalosi tulafono i totonu o le teritori, ma porokalama e aapa atu ai i le atunuu e faaagaaga lava mo le faaititia o le mana'oga mo fuala'au faasaina ma ia siitia le tulaga o le silafia e le lautele o le mata'utia o mea e tutupu mai ona o le faaogaina o vaila'au ma fuala'au faasaina; ma

IA TOE FAAIUGAFONOINA, e saga faamaonia e le Maota Maualuga o Amerika Samoa lona mana'o maumaututu e puipui le soifumaloloina, le saogalemu ma le lumanai o tagatanuu uma, ae maise ai tupulaga talavou, ma e sauni foi le Maota e galulue faapaaga ma vaega o le malo tele i le faafeagai ai ma le faafitauli o vaila'au ma fuala'au ma toe faafoisia le filemu ma le saogalemu i le atunuu; ma

IA TOE FAAIUGAFONOINA, e talosaga le Failautusi a le Maota Maualuga e faaoo lenei iugafono i le Afioga ia Lemanu Peleti Mquga, Kovana o Amerika Samoa; ma ni kopi i le Susuga le Faatonusili o le FBI o Christopher A. Wray, le Faletua ia Anne Milgram, Pule o le DEA, le Faipule i le Konekeresi, Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, ma le Komesina o le Saogalemu Lautele, Lefiti Aitulagi F. Pese.



TUAOLO MANAIA E. FRUEAN

Peresetene, Maota Maualuga