

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

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**S.R. NO. 39-13
IN THE SENATE**

04 FEBRUARY 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Sen. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean, D-6

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

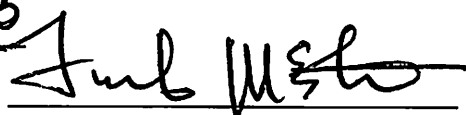
SUBJECT:

CONFIRMATION—DIRECTOR, AMERICAN SAMOA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

SUMMARY:

This resolution confirms the Governor’s appointment of Mr. Palaita Tusipasi Suiiaunoa as Director for the American Samoa Department of Corrections.

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4 "A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR'S
5 NOMINATION OF MR. PALAITA TUSIPASI SUIAUNOA AS DIRECTOR
6 FOR THE AMERICAN SAMOA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS."
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8 WHEREAS, by letter dated January 28, 2025, to the Honorable Tualo Manaia
9 Fruean, President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula,
10 submitted the name of Mr. Palaita Tusipasi Suiiaunoa to the
11 Legislature, pursuant to A.S.C.A. 4.0111(b) & 4.0112(a)(f), for
12 confirmation as the Director of the Department of Corrections; and
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14 WHEREAS, in his letter the Governor stated in part:

15 "...I hereby submit my appointment of Mr. Palaita Tusipasi
16 Suiiaunoa as Director of the Department of Corrections.
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18 I respectfully request that you and your colleagues review his
19 nomination and confirm him as Director of the Department of
20 Corrections."
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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
23 TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA:
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25 THAT, the nomination of Mr. Palaita Tusipasi Suiiaunoa as the Director of the
26 Department of Corrections is hereby confirmed; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to
29 transmit this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, Governor of
30 American Samoa; and a copy to Mr. Palaita Tusipasi Suiiaunoa.
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**NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA
FONO TELE MUAMUA**

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

**IMM NU. 39-13
I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA**

04 FEPUARI 2025

FA'AULUFALEINA E: Senatoa Tuaolo Manaia E. Fruean, Itumalo-6

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

MATA'UPU:

FAAMAONIGA— FAATONU, VAEGA FALEPUIPUI I AMERIKA SAMOA

'OTO'OTOGA:

O lenei Iugafono e faamaonia ai le tofiga a le Kovana ia Pulaalii Nikolao Pula o le Susuga ia Palaita Tusipasi Suiuaono e avea ma Faatonu o le Vaega o Falepuipui i Amerika Samoa.

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I.M.M. NU. 39-13
FAAULUFALEINA E: Jul Welo

“O SE IUGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E FAAMAONIA AI LE TOFIGA A LE KOVANA O LE SUSUGA IA PALAITA TUSIPASI SUIAUNOA E AVEA MA FAATONU O LE VAEGA O FALEPUIPUI I AMERIKA SAMOA.”

TALUAI, i lana tusi ia Ianuari 28, 2025, i le Afioga ia Tualo Manaia E. Fruean, Perestene o le Maota Maualuga, o loo faaoo mai ai e le Afioga i le Kovana Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, le suafa o Palaita Tusipasi Suiiaunoa i le Fonofaitulafono e tusa ai ma maga 4.0111(e) ma 4.0112 (a)(f), T.T.A.S ina ia faamaonia o ia e avea ma Faatonu o le Vaega o Falepuipui i Amerika Samoa; ma

TALUAI, i se vaega o lana tusi, na faapea mai ai le Afioga i le Kovana: “...ua ou faaoo atu la’u tofiga o Palaita Tusipasi Suiiaunoa e avea ma Faatonu o le Vaega o Falepuipui i Amerika Samoa. Ou te fautuaina ma le fa’aaloalo lau Afioga ma le Maota ina ia iloilo ma faamaonia le tofiga o Palaita Tusipasi Suiiaunoa i le Vaega o Falepuipui i Amerika Samoa.”

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

E FAAPEA, ua faamaonia nei le tofiga o Palaita Tusipasi Suiiaunoa e avea ma Faatonu o le Vaega o Falepuipui i Amerika Samoa; ma

IA TOE FAAIUGAFONOINA FO’I, e faapea e talosaga le Failautusi o le Maota Maualuga e faaoo atu lenei Iugafono i le Afioga ia Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, Kovana o Amerika Samoa, ma se kopi i le Susuga ia Palaita Tusipasi Suiiaunoa.

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TUSIPASI SUIAUNOA

suiiaunoa.tusi@gmail.com

OBJECTIVE

To utilize my experience, leadership and excellent communication skills to contribute to the position of Commissioner for the Department of Public Safety, while working closely with the Governor's office, directors and administrators to develop strategic planning, policy development and compliance within the American Samoa territory.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Protocol Officer Togiola Tulafono Administration

- Serve as the special advisor to the Governor's Office
- Strategic Planning and operations management
- Liaison for official visits from Heads of State and South Pacific Leaders
- Coordinator of Dignitaries official visits on behalf of the Governor's office
- Coordination and preside over all government events-planning and execution of presentations, Flag Day operations and public relations
- Operations Management- Data analysis and reporting, emails, purchase requisitions, and budget
- Assistant Governor Authorize Representative, during 2009 Tsunami (Sept 2009-Jan 2013)

Veterans Affairs- Officer

- Management and delegation of administrative duties to support staff/Hiring and yearly evaluations of staff
- Coordination of Veterans Day Events: Parade and ceremony
- Provide funeral arrangements and Burial Ceremony Presentations in official military capacity
- Providing support and counselling services for Veterans and their families
- Implementation of community service projects

TEMCO Manager

- Strategic Planning for Emergency Protocols
- Coordination of events-planning and execution of customer services
- Statistical analysis of Emergency Management
- Manage Grant Proposals
- Management of day-to-day operations- Emails, invoices and mailings, data entry, customer inquiries, scheduling
- Facilitation of on-sight and off-site meetings
- Budget management
- Manage procurement and accounts receivable

Homeland Security- Special Projects Office for Public Safety and Emergency Management

- Coordinate with US training partners
- Provide strategic planning for emergency protocols
- Policy development and enforcement for emergency management
- Led disaster response for Tsunami and other major natural hazards

United States Marine Corps- Sergeant Major

- Served as Executive Advisor to the Commanding General
- Senior leader enlisted responsible for more than 500 marines and their families
- Handle all enlisted non-judicial punishments and court martial proceedings according to UCMJ
- Assign staff Non-Commissioned Officer to conduct internal investigations
- Sergeant Major of Headquarters Battalion Marine Forces Pacific
- Responsible for the Safety, Morale and Welfare of the unit and their families
- Supervise and oversee assets worth over \$100 million
- 23 years primary marksmanship instructor
- Navy ROTC Instructor University of Idaho/Washington State University
- Company 1- Sgt Marine Security Force Company Keflavik, Iceland
- Security Forces NCOIC, London England
- 11 Served Deployments- Desert Storm, West Pac, Bahrain, Korea, England, Germany

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

- Honor Graduate Leone High School, Leone, AS June 1973
- Marine Corp Drill Instructor School, San Diego, CA 1978
- Staff Non-Commission Officer Academy, San Diego, CA 1979
- Senior Leadership Course, Quantico, VA 1989

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Sergeant Major, United States Marine Corps Camp Pendleton, CA (10/73-11/03)
- Special Projects Office of Public Safety and Emergency Management, Homeland Security (04/05-08/08)
- TEMCO Manager (06/09-12/10)
- Chief Protocol Officer, Togiola Tulafono Administration Pago Pago, AS (01/11-01/13)
- Veterans Affairs Officer (06/11-01/13)

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

United States Marine Corps

- Sgt Maj HMH 361 "Flying Tigers" Helicopter Squad earned 2x Prestigious Marine Squadron of the Year Award
- Served as the Company 1- Sgt throughout Desert Storm War
- Special Mission to support former President of the United States Bill Clinton to Argentina
- Received a Letter of Commendation from the Governor of the State of Idaho

PERSONAL AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Legion of Merit Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal 2x
- Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal 2x

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- President of Leone High School Alumni Association
- PTA President

- **President of the American Samoa Veterans Association**

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Togiola Tulafono
Former Governor of American Samoa
684-256-5389

Satele A. Lilio
Senator/Former Judge
684-258-2585

Faoa A. Sunia
Former Lieutenant Governor
684-252-5058

Larry Sanitoa
Fono Representative Tualauta County
684-258-3400