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2009, No. 18

AN ACT to amend the Ministry of Women Affairs Act 1990 by establishing the position of Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu.

[27th October 2009]

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

1. Short title and commencement-(1) This Act may be cited as the Ministry of Women Affairs (Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu) Amendment Act 2009, and shall be read together and form part of the Ministry of Women Affairs Act 1990, hereinafter called the “Principal Act”.

(2) This Act commences on a date nominated by the Minister.

2. Interpretation – Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting in the list of definitions in alphabetical order the following:

““Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu” means the position established by section 16A;”.

3. Insertion of new section – The Principal Act is amended by inserting after section 16 the following:

“16A. Establishment of Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu-(1)
There shall be a Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu for each traditional village in Samoa.

(2) A nomination for the position of Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu is to be submitted in writing with signatures of members of the Village Women’s Committee, two (2) months prior to the due date of an appointment, to the Minister through the Chief Executive Officer.

(3) On the advice of the Minister, Cabinet may appoint a Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu, who shall be:

- (a) a member of a village Women’s Committee;
- (b) nominated by a Village Women’s Committee and that such nomination is endorsed in writing by the Village Council through the Sui o le Nuu; and
- (c) at least three (3) months before the date of an appointment, the Chief Executive Officer or appointed senior officer within the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development shall inform the Village Women’s Committee to submit nomination within two (2) months.

(4) Every Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, and may be reappointed.

(5) Every Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu may at any time resign her office by writing to the Minister through the Chief Executive Officer or may be removed from office by Cabinet on the advice of the Minister for inability to perform her duties, neglect of duty or misconduct.

(6) A Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu who is removed from office is to be:

- (a) informed promptly of her removal from office and the reasons for such removal; and
- (b) allowed to submit reasons against her removal from office and to have her case reviewed.”.

4. Duties of Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu – A Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu has the following duties:

- (a) to promote the advancement of women in her village through the implementation, coordination and monitoring and evaluation of, and provision of assistance to, all programmes, activities and development projects for women that are economically viable, socially beneficial, culturally appropriate and environmentally sensitive;
- (b) to ensure the free flow of information between the Women’s Committees of her village and the government through the Ministry;
- (c) to report to the Ministry on the progress of implementation and monitoring of programmes, activities and development projects;
- (d) to record and register births and deaths in her village where appropriate in accordance with the provision of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Act 2002;
- (e) to collaborate closely with the Village Women’s Committee and Sui o le Nuu on promoting the wellbeing and health of the village through the Aiga ma Nuu Manuia programme and other relevant programmes and developed projects;

- (f) to promote good governance in women's committees and all other women's groups in her village;
- (g) to provide at all times assistance that may be requested through the Ministry for the successful implementation and completion of government programmes and development projects, locally and nationally; and
- (h) to perform any duties that promote and support government policy related to the work on the advancement of women in her village.

5. Salaries and Allowances – Subject to monies being appropriated by Parliament for the purpose and any directions issued by Cabinet, the Chief Executive Officer may pay such salary or allowances and such traveling expenses, to a Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu.

**The Ministry of Women Affairs (Sui Tamaitai o le Nuu)
Amendment Act 2009 is administered by the Ministry
of Women, Community and Social Development.**