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Susuga Tuilaepa Auelua Fatialofa Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi Leader- Human Rights Protection Party PETESA, MULINUU

Afioga e,

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY SITTING, 14 SEPTEMBER 2021 AND SWEARING-IN

- 1. I hereby write in response to our meeting and your letter dated Wednesday 7 September 2021.
- 2. I officially inform you of my decision in regards to the matter above mentioned:
 - i. Taking into consideration your letter as well as your meeting at Petesa on Friday 10 September 2021, coupled with the Party's numerous broadcasts, there is continual opposition and non-acceptance of the current government led by the Faatuatua I le Atua Samoa ua Tasi who were sworn in on the 24 May 2021.
 - ii. Your unceasing refusal to accept the swearing in which occurred on the mentioned date also means that you do not accept my position as Speaker.
 - iii. Because of these reasons, a swearing in of the Members of the Human Rights Protection Party will not take place at the Parliament sitting on Tuesday 14 September 2021.
 - Since there will not be a swearing in on Tuesday, your members who have not been iv. sworn in will not be allowed to attend the sitting.
- 3. This decision is made in accordance with the Standing Orders of Parliament and the Constitution of the Independent State of Samoa 1960, as well as to maintain the honor of Parliamentary processes and procedures.
- 4. I hope that you and your Party will accept my decision.

Soifua ma ia manuia.

Ma le fa<u>a</u>aloalo lava,

Hon. Papalii Li'o Oloipola Taeu Masipau

Speaker

CC- Afioga Fiame Naomi Mataafa- Prime Minister